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BRAVE NEW WORLD

with new problems... and new threats for

SONIC
THE HEDGEHUG™

and his friends!

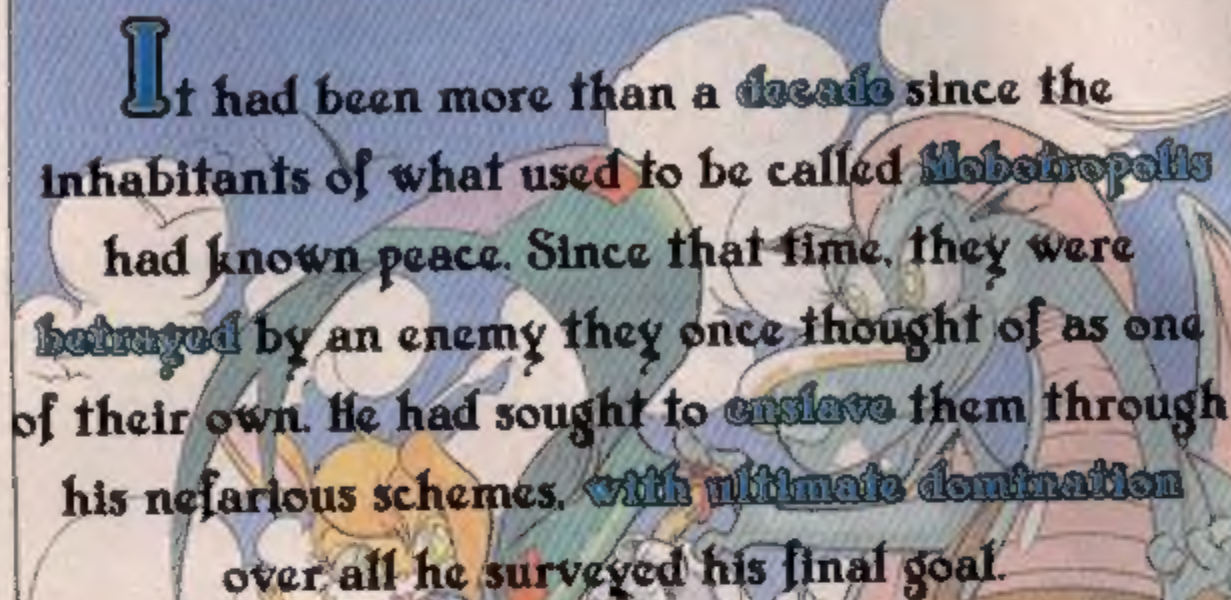
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It had been more than a decade since the inhabitants of what used to be called Mobetropolis had known peace. Since that time, they were betrayed by an enemy they once thought of as one of their own. He had sought to enslave them through his nefarious schemes, with ultimate domination over all he surveyed his final goal.

But the inhabitants created a beachhead they called Knothole Village and fought back, hoping to overcome and reclaim what was rightfully theirs.

As the struggle grew, it became apparent that victory would not be won without a price.

And so the final battle between the evil despot and the courageous Freedom Fighters was fought, with the cause for freedom prevailing in the end.

Though Doctor Robotnik had been vanquished, that victory didn't necessarily mean the end of their hardships.

In fact, it was only the beginning...

THIS IS THE
PLANET *MOBIUS*,
A WORLD FULL OF
INCREDIBLE
WONDERS AND
SURPRISES...

AND OF ALL WHO DWELLED
UPON ITS' SURFACE, NONE
WERE MORE RENOWNED
THAN THOSE WHO LIVED IN
THE FABLED CITY OF
MOBOTROPOLIS...

...WHICH WAS GOVERNED
BY THE BENEVOLENT AND
MUCH BELOVED KING
AND QUEEN ACORN.

THEIR DAUGHTER *SALLY* PROVIDED
A SHINING BEACON OF HOPE FOR
THE NEXT GENERATION!

UNFORTUNATELY,
THERE WERE THOSE
WHO WOULD WAGE
WAR AGAINST THE
KINGDOM FOR
THEIR OWN *SELF-*
ISH PURPOSES.

IT WAS DURING
THE WAR AGAINST
THE *OVERLANDERS*
THAT *QUEEN ACORN*
MYSTERIOUSLY BE-
CAME A CASUALTY,
HER TRUE FATE
UNKNOWN.

THE KING'S FORCES, LED BY THE WARLORD *JULIAN*, MAN-
AGED TO OVERCOME AND PRESERVE THE KINGDOM...

HOWEVER, WARLORD JULIAN HAD PLANS OF HIS OWN.

THUS, RENOUNCING HIS HERITAGE, HE ADOPTED THE NAME OF **ROBOTNIK**--

WITH THE KING OUT OF THE WAY, **ROBOTNIK** UTILIZED HIS ARMY OF **SWATBOTS** TO APPREHEND THE CITIZENS OF THE NOW RECHRISTENED **ROBOTROPOLIS**--

--AND BANISHED KING ACORN INTO THE **ZONE OF SILENCE**!

--UPON WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO THE **ROBOTICIZATION** PROCESS, WHICH NOT ONLY TRANSFORMED THEM FROM FUR AND BLOOD TO METAL AND CIRCUITS, BUT ALSO **ROBBED** THEM OF THEIR **FREE WILL** AS WELL!

ALL WAS NOT LOST, AS CHAMPIONS AROSE, SUCH AS **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** AND HIS FELLOW **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**, TO FIGHT THE EVIL SCHEMES OF THE **MAD DICTATOR**--

--EVENTUALLY OVERCOMING **IMPOSSIBLE** ODDS AND **OVERWHELMING** FORCES!



ROBOTNIK HAS BEEN VANQUISHED.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DETERMINED--

--IS AT WHAT PRICE.

**NOW THAT VICTORY HAS
SINCE BEEN CLAIMED--**

**--AND CELEBRATIONS
REVELLING THE ACHIEVE-
MENT NOW COMPLETE--**

REALITY HAS SET IN.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD--

UNBELIEVABLE!

--HAS JUST HIT HOME!



WHO
WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT
IT?

OUR
SHANGRI-LA--

--IS NOW
NOTHING MORE
THAN A DIRTY
JUNKYARD!

INTERESTING,
ISN'T IT,
PRINCESS?


WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
ROTOR?

YOU'D NEVER
THINK WE ONCE
LIVED HERE!



ALL THOSE
MISSIONS INTO
ROBOTROPOLIS—

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--AND YET WE NEVER REALLY CONTEMPLATED THE *SIGNIFICANCE* OF ROBOTNIK'S ACTIONS ON A *PERSONAL* LEVEL!

THE *MISSION* ALWAYS COMES *FIRST, MATE!*

I'M AFRAID GEOFFREY'S *RIGHT, ROTOR!*

ONCE AGAIN--

--THE *MISSION*--
ALONG WITH THE *GREATER GOOD*--
COMES *BEFORE* ALL ELSE!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE *SIGHT* OF ALL THIS AFFECTS US PERSONALLY--

--WE MUST PUT ASIDE OUR FEELINGS AND *CONCENTRATE* ON THE TASK AT HAND!

STARTING *HERE*--
AT THE *PALACE*--

NOTHING THAT SOME *LIGHTS* AND A *PAINT JOB* CAN'T CURE, SUGAH!

I HATE TO SAY IT, *BUNNIE*--

REAL SPOOKY!

--BUT THIS PLACE NEEDS MORE THAN JUST BASIC INTERIOR DECORATING 101!

WOW!

SO THAT'S WHERE THE HEAD ENCHILADA CONDUCTED OPERATIONS FROM!

DEFINITELY NOT DADDY'S STYLE!

STILL--

GEOFFREY! FRONT AND CENTER, SIR!

I THINK I'M GONNA BE ILL!

YES, MA'AM!

WE BETTER SECURE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY, JUST TO BE SAFE!

IS THERE A PROBLEM, MATE?

WHAT WAS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK I'M DOWN TO EIGHT LIVES JUST HEARING IT!

YEAH! I HAVE A REAL PAIN IN--

SONIC! THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR--

IT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY!

WOOOEEHRR

IT DID!
IT DID!

A
DYNAMAC!!

LOOK
OUT!!

BAH

DAAAAM!

• FIRST SEEN
IN SONIC 31
- J. FREDDY

LOOKS LIKE THE OL'
HEDGEHOG HAS TO
DO IT TO IT!

REALLY?
THAT'LL BE
THE DAY!

ALL YOU
NEED IS
ONE GOOD
BOLT--

BOING!

K-TANG!

ZUT
ALORS!

TT...RUUT...

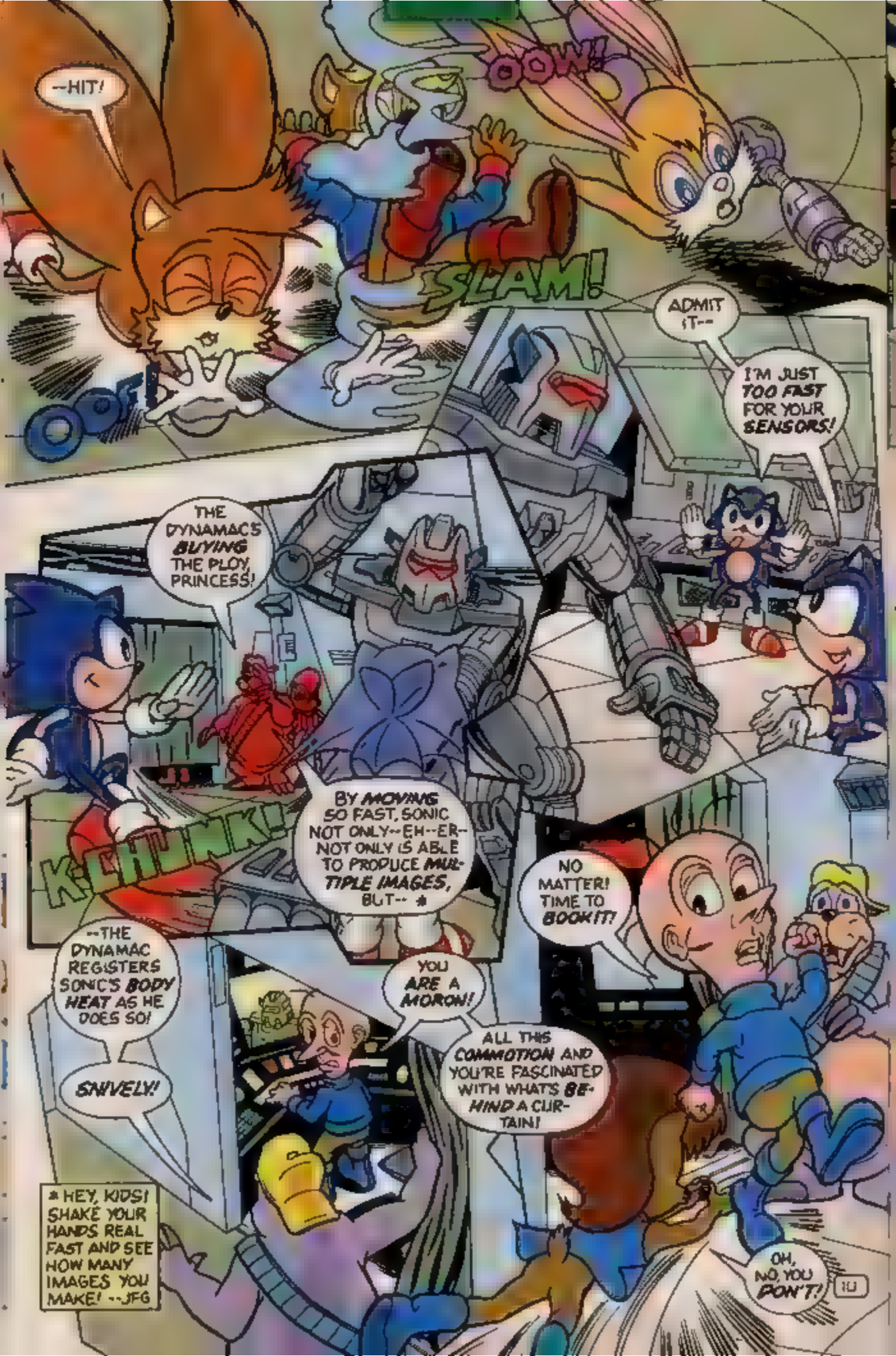
SUGAH-
TWIN!

MEEEE-POOW!

TALK
ABOUT--
TIGHT--
S-SQUEEZES--

WE HAVE
TO DRAW THE
DYNAMAC'S
ATTENTION--
TRY TO CON-
FUSE IT!

EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE,
PRINCESS!



-HIT!

BOOW!

SLAM!

ADMIT IT--

I'M JUST TOO FAST FOR YOUR SENSORS!

THE DYNAMAC'S BUYING THE PLOY PRINCESS!

BY MOVING SO FAST, SONIC NOT ONLY--EH--ER--NOT ONLY IS ABLE TO PRODUCE MULTIPLE IMAGES, BUT-- *

NO MATTER! TIME TO BOOKIT!

--THE DYNAMAC REGISTERS SONIC'S BODY HEAT AS HE DOES SO!

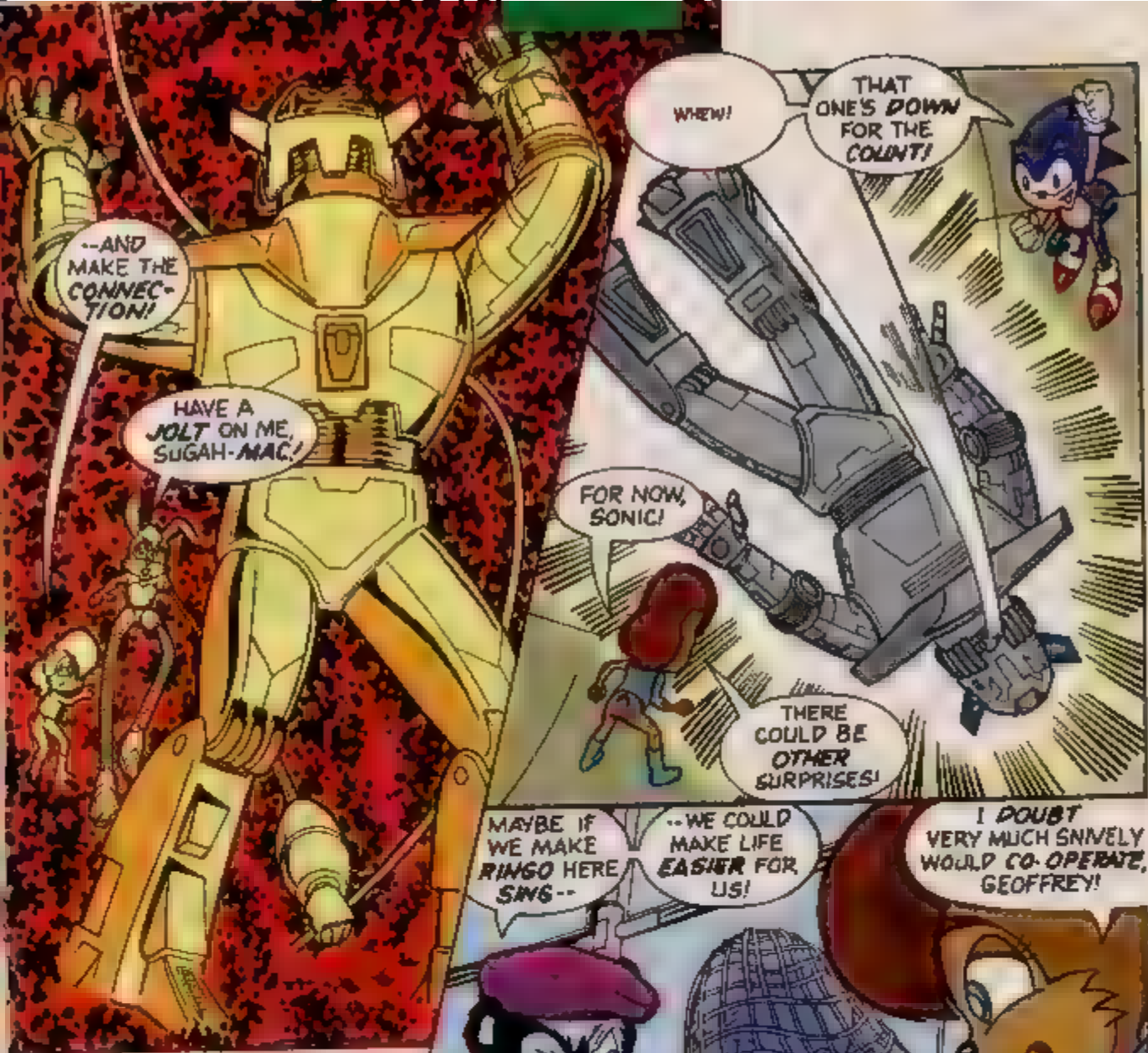
SNIVELY!

YOU ARE A MORON!

ALL THIS COMMOTION AND YOU'RE FASCINATED WITH WHAT'S BEHIND A CURTAIN!

* HEY, KIDS! SHAKE YOUR HANDS REAL FAST AND SEE HOW MANY IMAGES YOU MAKE! --JFG

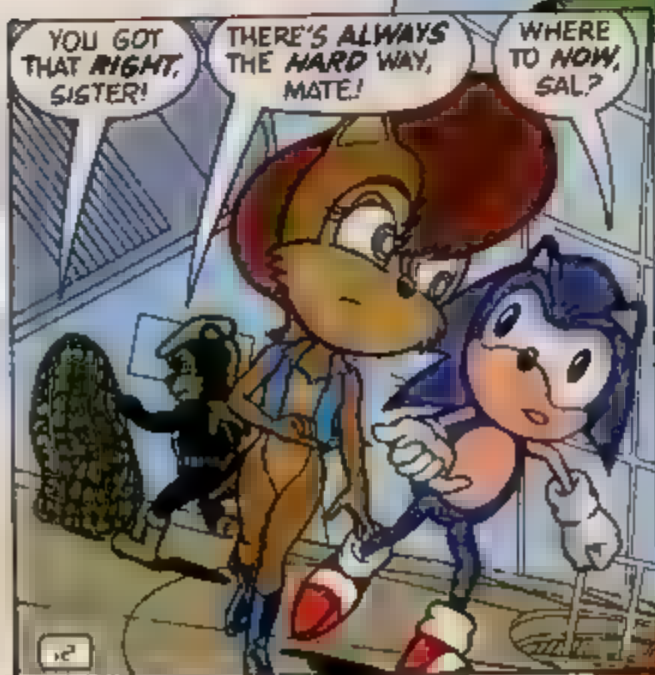
OH, NO, YOU PONT!

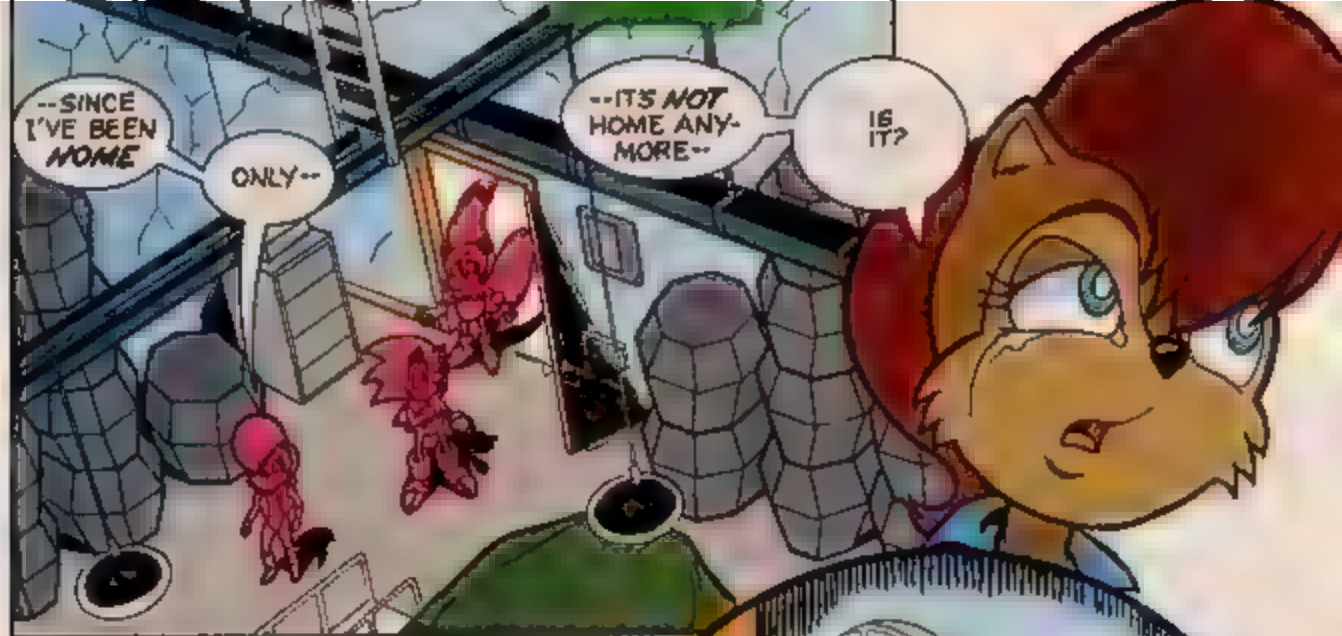


MAYBE IF WE MAKE RINGO HERE SING--

--WE COULD MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR US!

I DOUBT VERY MUCH SNIVELY WOULD CO-OPERATE, GEOFFREY!



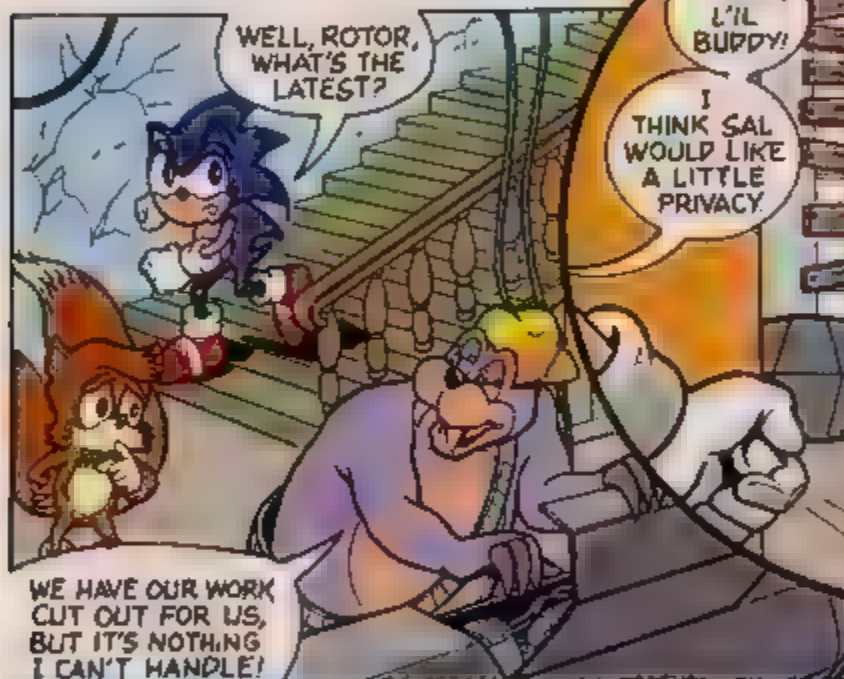


--SINCE I'VE BEEN HOME

ONLY--

--IT'S NOT HOME ANY-MORE--

IS IT?

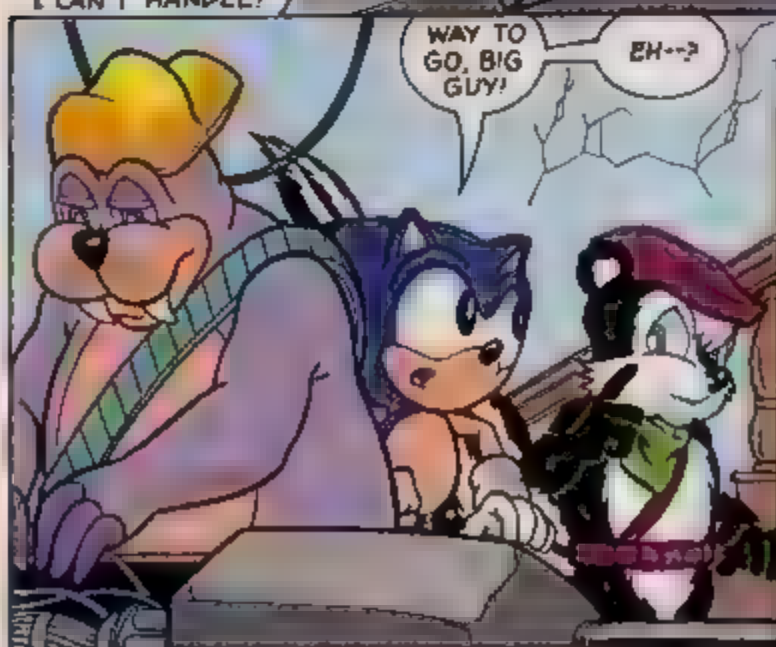


WELL, ROTOR, WHAT'S THE LATEST?

C'MON, I'LL BUDDY!

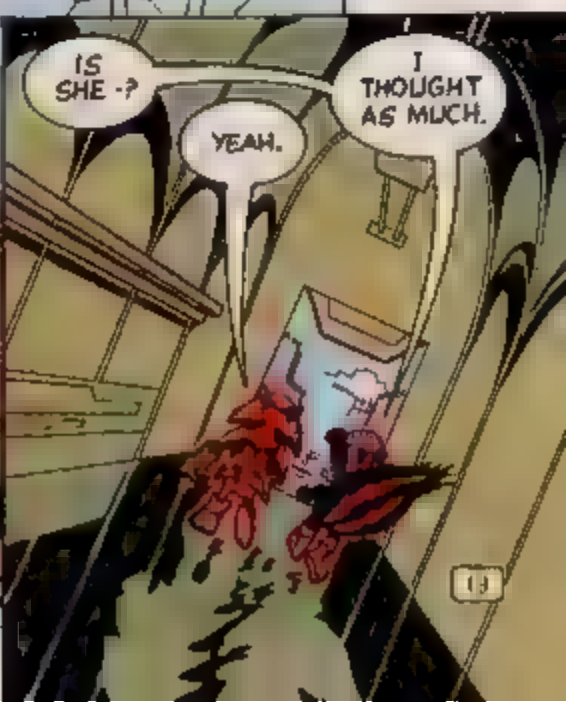
I THINK SAL WOULD LIKE A LITTLE PRIVACY

WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US, BUT IT'S NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE!



WAY TO GO, BIG GUY!

EH--?



IS SHE -?

YEAH.

I THOUGHT AS MUCH.

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
NICOLE?

IF WE BREAK INTO TEAMS
AND ASSIGN EACH TEAM A TASK
WE SHOULD HAVE SOME **BASIC**
NECESSITIES UP AND
RUNNING QUICKLY!

YAWN!

THAT DOES
SOUND
LOGICAL,
SALLY!

LET'S GET
STARTED
THEN!

ANTOINE, I WANT YOU AND BUNNIE
TO ESTABLISH A SOURCE OF CLEAN
RUNNING WATER TO USE!

ROTOR, I NEED YOU TO
SEE IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH
A SOURCE OF POWER!

AS
FOR YOU,
SONIC—

I WANT YOU AND TAILS
TO SCOUT AROUND AND MAKE SURE
THERE AREN'T ANY UNFRIENDLY
SURPRISES!

BE
CAREFUL,
GUYS!

IF THERE'S
A PROBLEM
JUST SIG-
NAL--

--ONE
IF BY
LAND--

--AND TWO
IF BY AIR!

NOW, I
WANT YOU,
GEOFFREY--

GEOFFREY?

"WHERE
DID HE GO?"

I'M NOW AT
THE ARMORY,
YOUR MAJESTY!

THE
FACILITIES
HAVE BEEN
SECURED!

AND
SO FAR,
KING
ACORN--

--THE THREATS
HAVE BEEN PRETTY
MUCH THOSE WE'VE
ANTICIPATED--

DON'T
GIVE ME THAT,
COMMANDER!

WE MUST
GUARD AGAINST
THE ENEMY
WITHIN AS
WELL AS
WITHOUT!

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND,
YOUR HIGH-
NESS!

WHO IS THIS
ENEMY YOU
REFER TO?

I SPEAK OF
NONE OTHER THAN
SIR CHARLES
HEDGEHOG!

HE'S A
DANGEROUS
RADICAL--

--AND COULD POSE A MAJOR
THREAT TO THE REALM!

ARE YOU
CERTAIN OF
THIS, YOUR
MAJESTY?

AFTER
ALL--

OF
COURSE I'M
CERTAIN!

DON'T FORGET
IT WAS HE WHO
INVENTED THE
ROBOTICIZER--

...AS WELL AS CREATING THE
SPY NETWORK THAT BEGAT
TRAITORS TO THE REALM!

I HAVE ACCESS TO
INFORMATION EVEN YOU
ARE UNAWARE OF,
COMMANDER,
AND IF I--

THAT'S ENOUGH
EXCITEMENT FOR
NOW, SIRE!

"I'M SURE THE KINGDOM WILL
SURVIVE WHILE YOU REST."

I'M OUT ON
SECURITY
DETAIL,
FLEMING!

NOBODY
GOES IN
THERE!

EVEN THE
PRINCESS,
SIR?

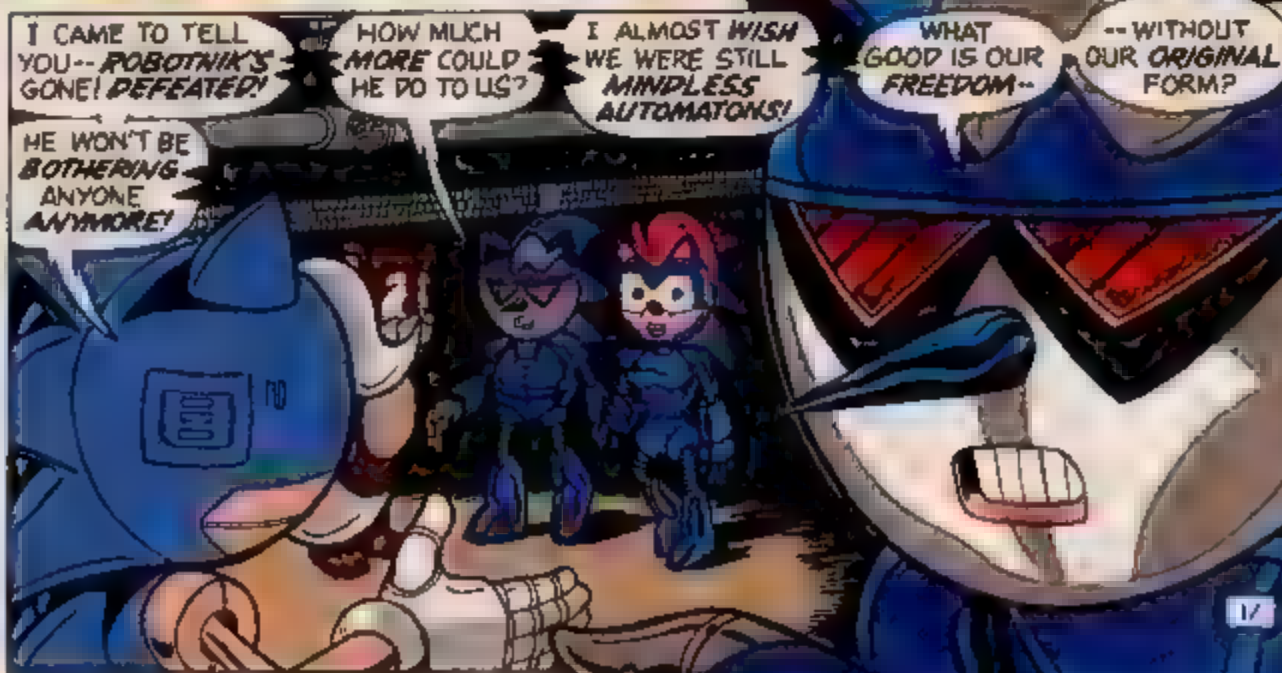
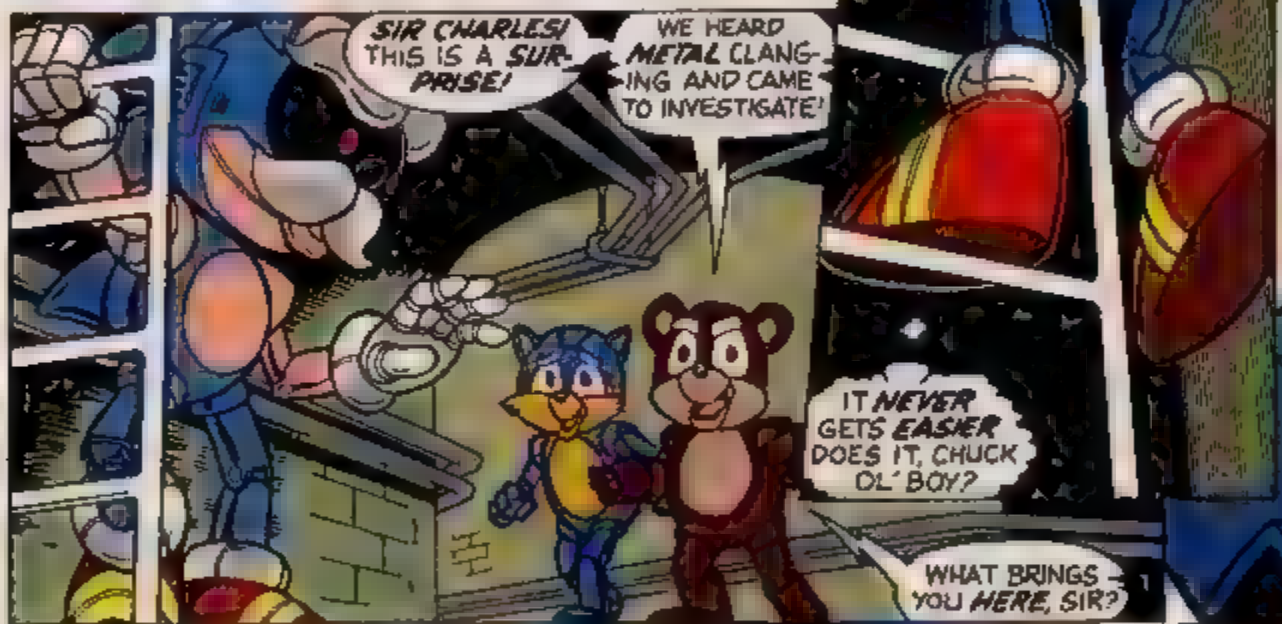
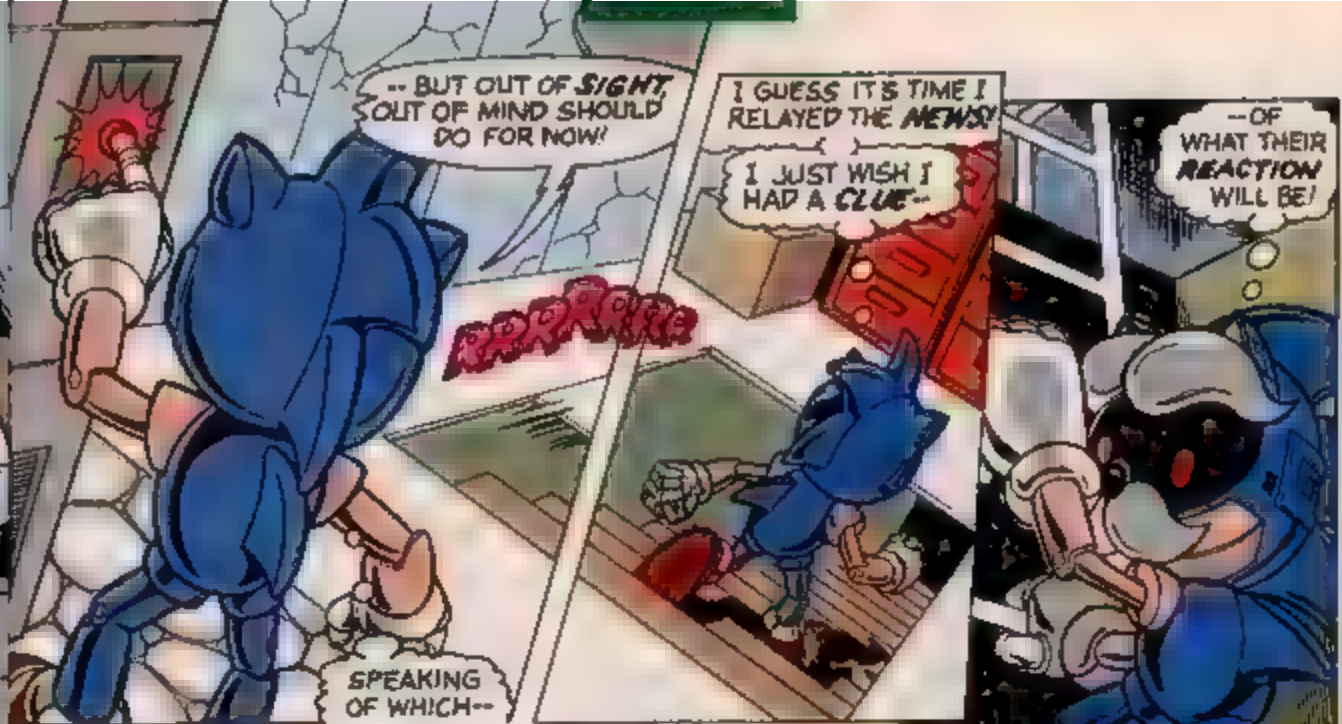
KLAK!

"ESPECIALLY
THE PRINCESS!"

THIS SHOULD
JUST ABOUT
DO IT!

WITH ROBOTNIK
GONE FOR GOOD,
I DON'T SEE ANY
NEED FOR ALL THIS
SURVEILLANCE
EQUIPMENT!

OF COURSE,
ONE NEVER KNOWS
WHEN THINGS MIGHT
CHANGE--



EH--I'M AFRAID
IT'S NOT THAT
SIMPLE, JULES!

THE ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR* MAY
HAVE RESTORED
FREE WILL TO US
ALL, BUT--

BUT
WHAT, SIR
CHARLES?

WE'VE ENDURED SO,
MUCH, SIR CHARLES--

--THAT THE HOPE OF
BEING RESTORED IS
ALL THAT KEPT US
GOING!

ALL WE WANT--

--IS A NORMAL
LIFE WITH OUR
FAMILIES!

*RECENTLY CHRONICLED IN SONIC '50 -JFG

I'M AFRAID
--THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

WHEN THE
ORIGINAL
ROBOTICIZER
WAS
DESTROYED--

--ANY CHANCE
OF OUR BEING
RESTORED DIED
WITH IT!

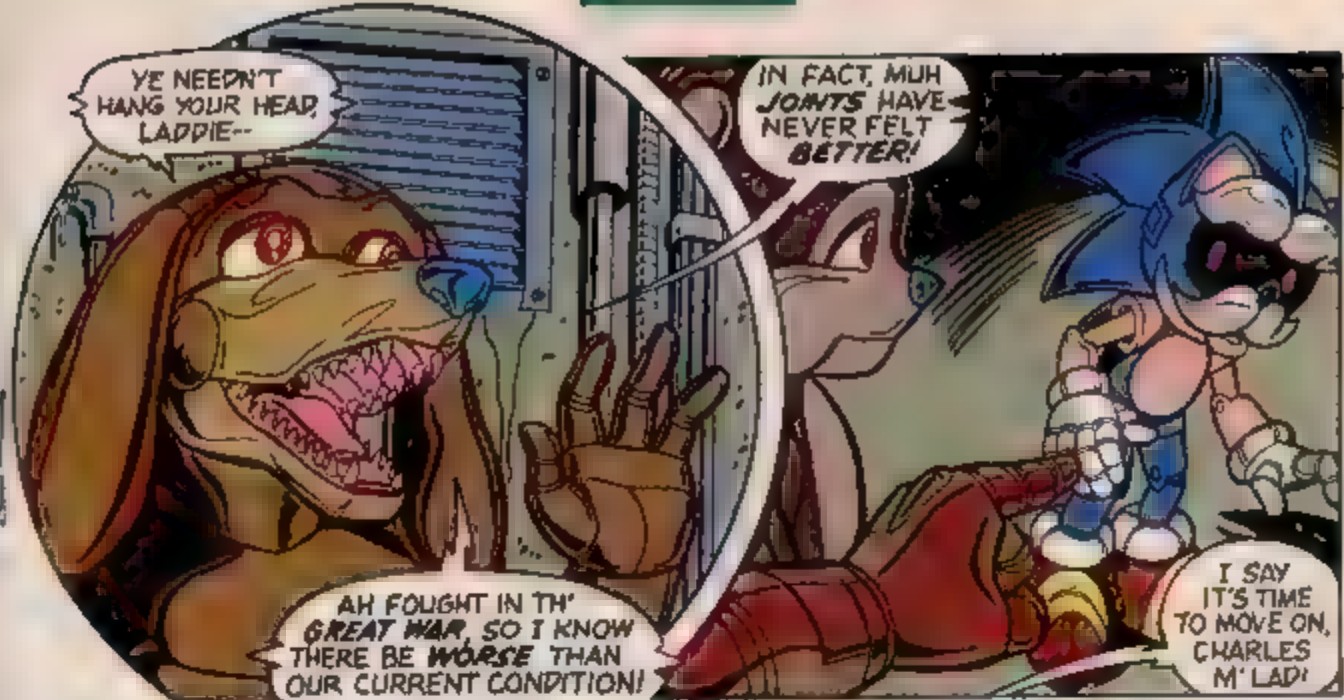
AND IF--
BY SOME
MIRACLE--

--EVEN IF I WAS
ABLE TO RE-BUILD
IT TO THE SAME
SPECS--

ANY ROUTINE MAINTEN-
ANCE OR EVEN A MINOR
ALTERATION PERFORMED
AFFECTED YOUR CELLULAR
STRUCTURE!

I COULD NOT GUARANTEE
YOUR SURVIVING THE
PROCESS!

I'M
VERY
SORRY!



YE NEEDN'T
HANG YOUR HEAD,
LADDIE--

IN FACT, MUH
JOMTS HAVE
NEVER FELT
BETTER!

AH FOUGHT IN TH'
GREAT WAR, SO I KNOW
THERE BE WORSE THAN
OUR CURRENT CONDITION!

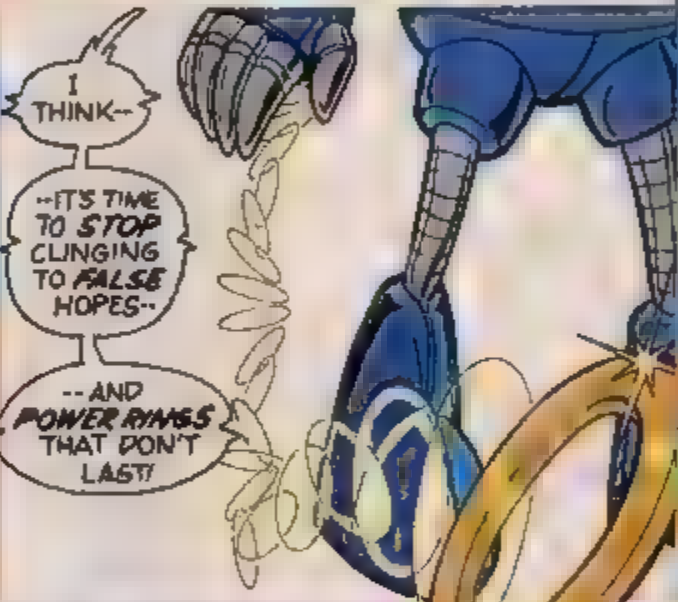
I SAY
IT'S TIME
TO MOVE ON,
CHARLES
M' LAD!



I
AGREE!

WHAT
SAY YOU,
JULES?

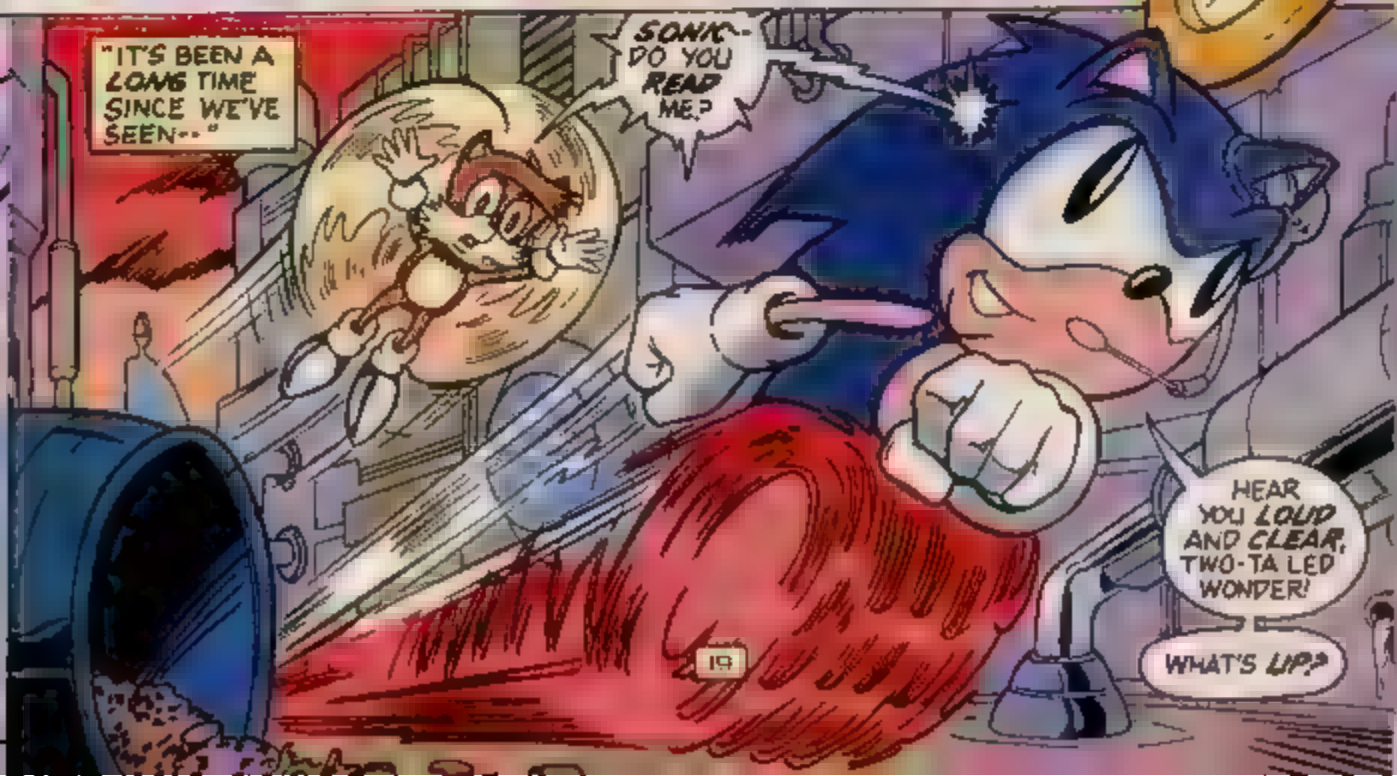
OR YOU,
BERNIE?



I
THINK--

--IT'S TIME
TO STOP
CLINGING TO
FALSE
HOPES--

--AND
POWER RINGS
THAT DON'T
LAST!

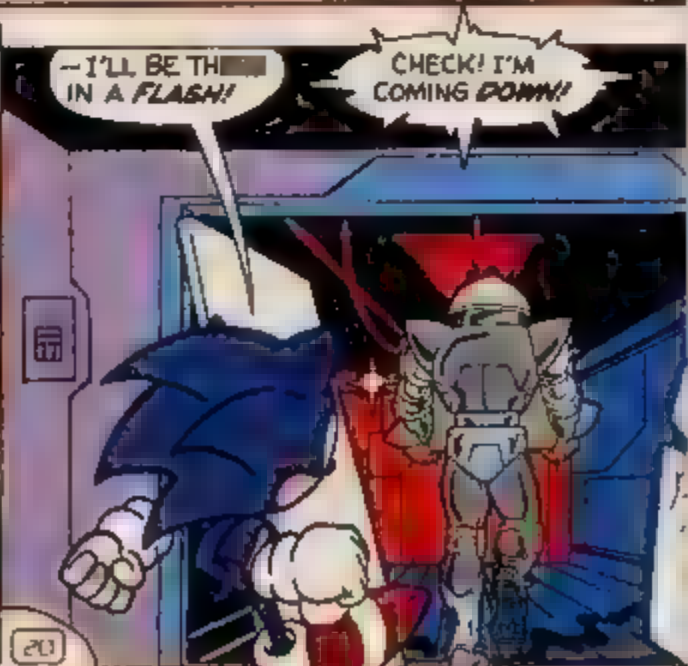
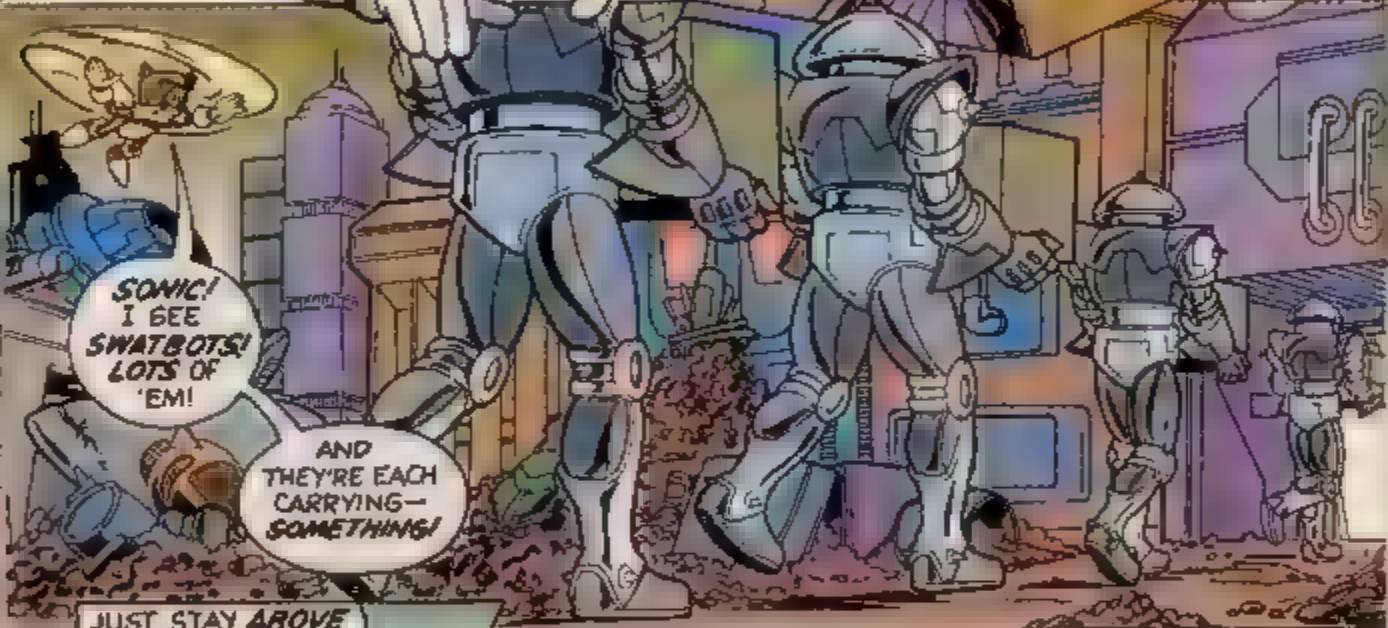
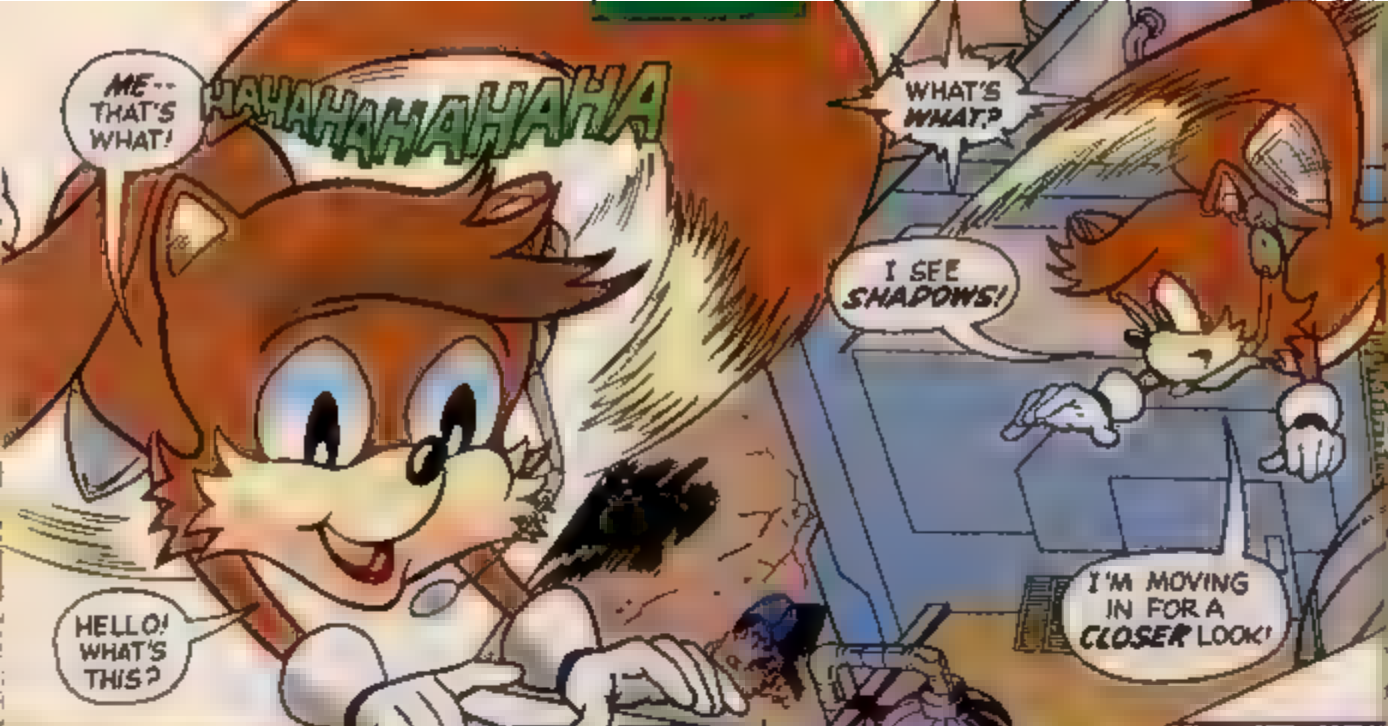


"IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME
SINCE WE'VE
SEEN--"

SONIC--
DO YOU
READ
ME?

HEAR
YOU LOUD
AND CLEAR,
TWO-TA LED
WONDER!

WHAT'S UP?



WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE UP TO, SONIC?

WHO CAN SAY?

BUT, WHATEVER IT IS--

--WE'RE NOT GOING TO FIND OUT BY STAYING OUTSIDE!

UN-BELIEVABLE, TAILS!

IT'S LIKE ROBOTNIK PLANNED FOR THINGS TO KEEP OPERATING LONG AFTER HE WAS GONE!

MAYBE HE FIGURED SINCE WE KNEW ABOUT HIS FINAL REVENGE SCHEME HE'D TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT!?

MAY-DAY, SONIC!

SWATBOT APPROACHING FROM BEHIND!

WE'RE SURROUNDED!

HUM?

YOWSER!

* OF COURSE, YOU REMEMBERED SONIC '22, DIDN'T YOU? - Freddy

TOTALLY IGNORED THAT'S WAY UN-COOL!



CHECK
THIS-- THE
TRAINS ARE
RUNNING--

-- BUT
THEY'RE
GOING
NOWHERE!

IF
THERE'S A
PLAN, I
SURE DON'T
SEE IT!

I SAY WE
CHECK IT
OUT!

YOU
HEAR
THAT?

BE
STILL MY
HEART!

YOU
WERE
SAYING?

"IT COULD
BE A TRAIN"

UH-OH!

IT'S A
CRY FOR
HELP!

EEEEELP!

FROM
WHERE?

HELP!
HELP!

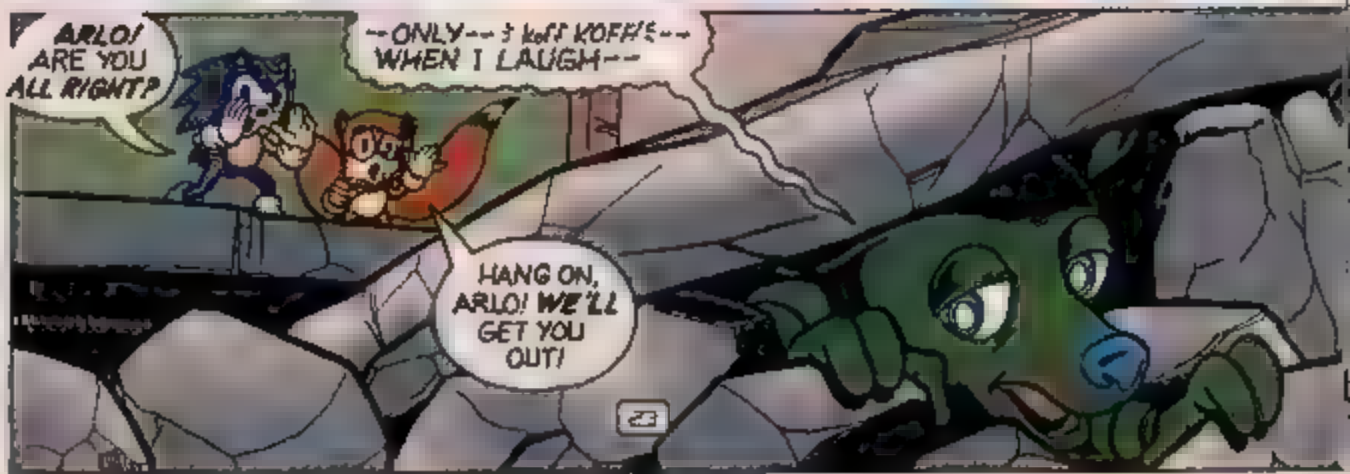
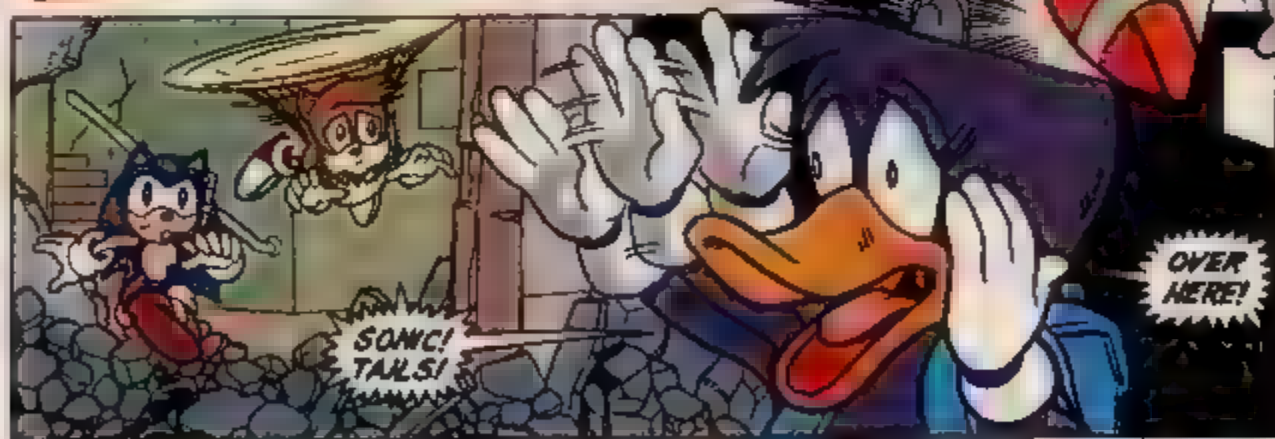
SONIC,
THAT SOUNDS
LIKE--

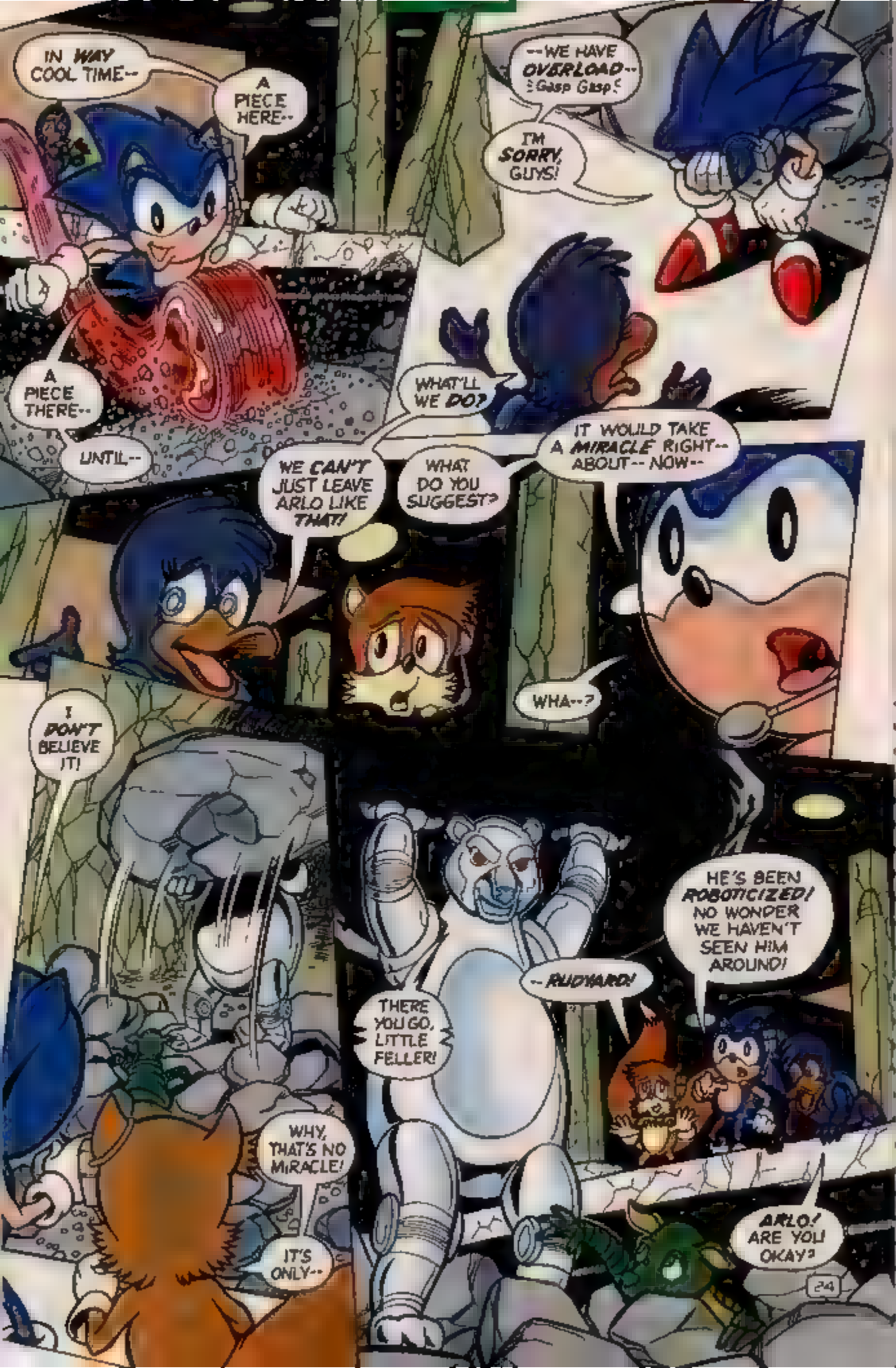
IT SOUNDS LIKE
IT'S COMING FROM
IN HERE!

SHHH--
I'M TRYING TO
CONCENTRATE!

HELP!
HELP!

I DON'T
KNOW, SONIC! WE
COULD BE GETTING
IN OVER OUR HEADS!





IN WAY
COOL TIME--

A
PIECE
HERE--

A
PIECE
THERE--

UNTIL--

WE CAN'T
JUST LEAVE
ARLO LIKE
THAT!

WHAT
DO YOU
SUGGEST?

--WE HAVE
OVERLOAD--
Gasp Gasp!

I'M
SORRY,
GUYS!

WHAT'LL
WE DO?

IT WOULD TAKE
A MIRACLE RIGHT--
ABOUT-- NOW--

I
DON'T
BELIEVE
IT!

WHA--?

HE'S BEEN
ROBOTICIZED!
NO WONDER
WE HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
AROUND!

--RUDYARD!

THERE
YOU GO,
LITTLE
FELLER!

WHY,
THAT'S NO
MIRACLE!

IT'S
ONLY--

ARLO!
ARE YOU
OKAY?

I'M FINE,
GUYS! REALLY,
I AM!

JUST
HAD THE WIND
KNOCKED OUT
OF ME!

UNCLE
CHUCK?

WHERE
DID YOU
COME
FROM?

I HAD TO GO TELL
SOME FOLKS THE
GOOD NEWS ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED!

ESPECIALLY A COUPLE
THAT COULDN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOU, LAD!

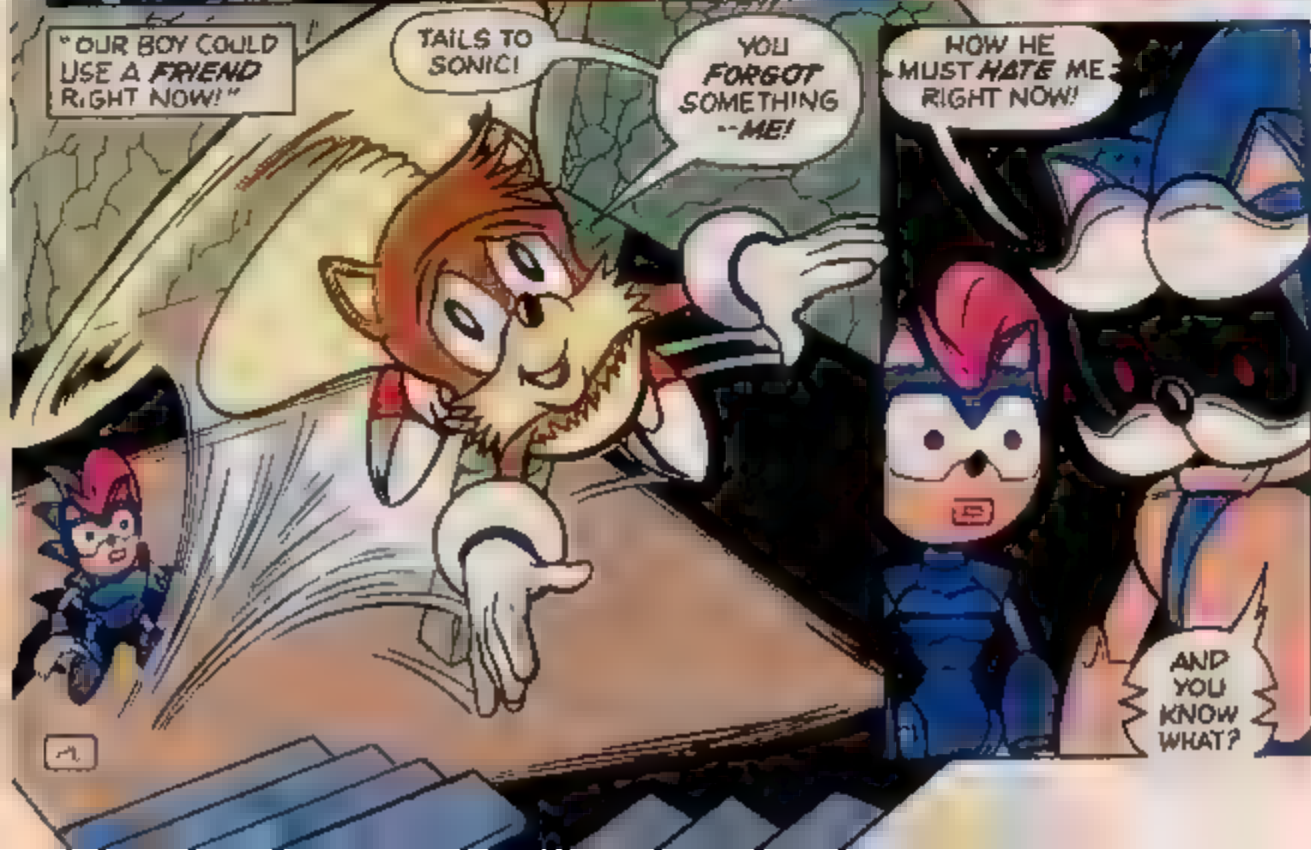
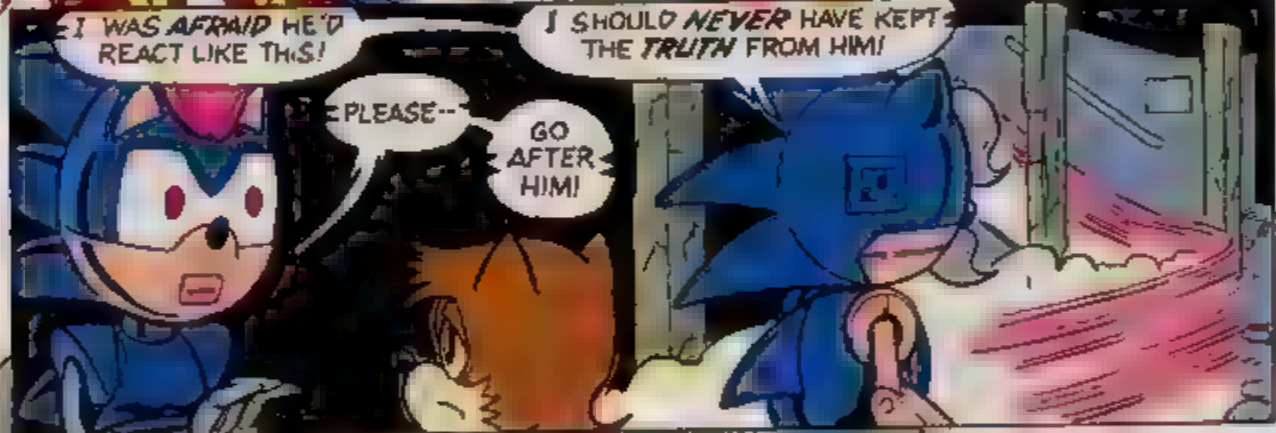
I'M SURE YOU HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN
PARENTS, SONIC!

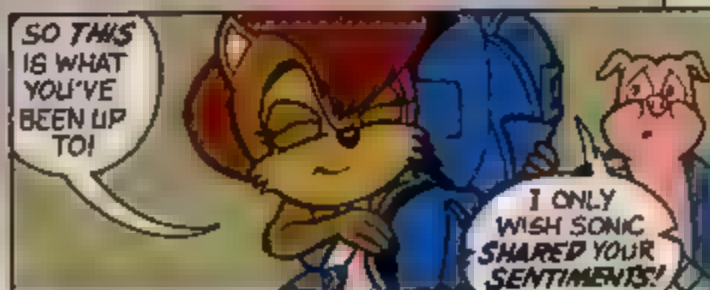
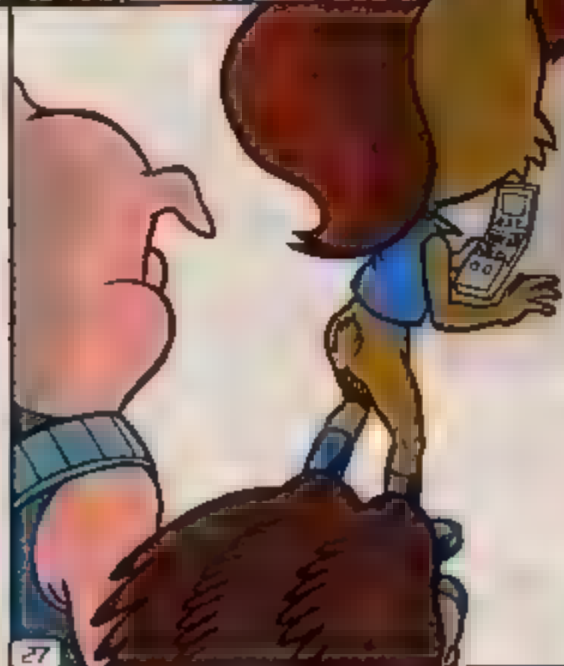
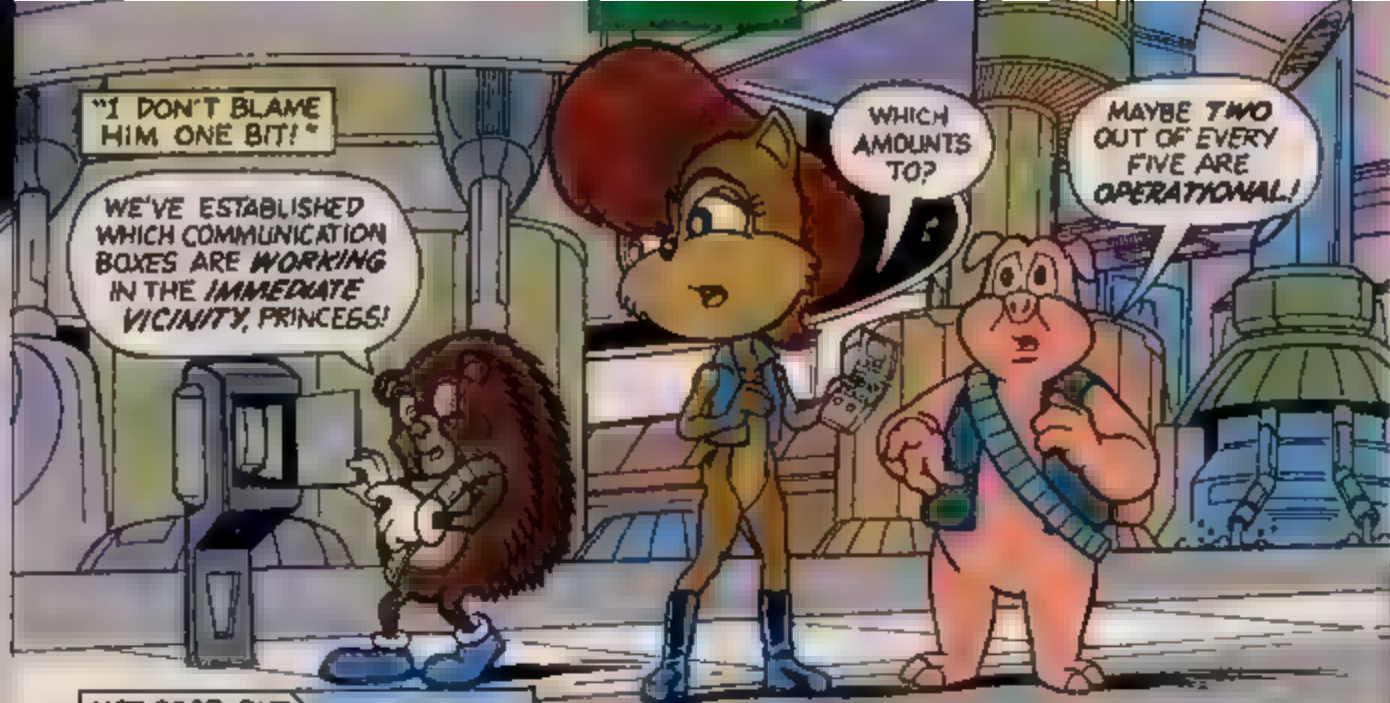
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IT'S BEEN WAY
TOO LONG!

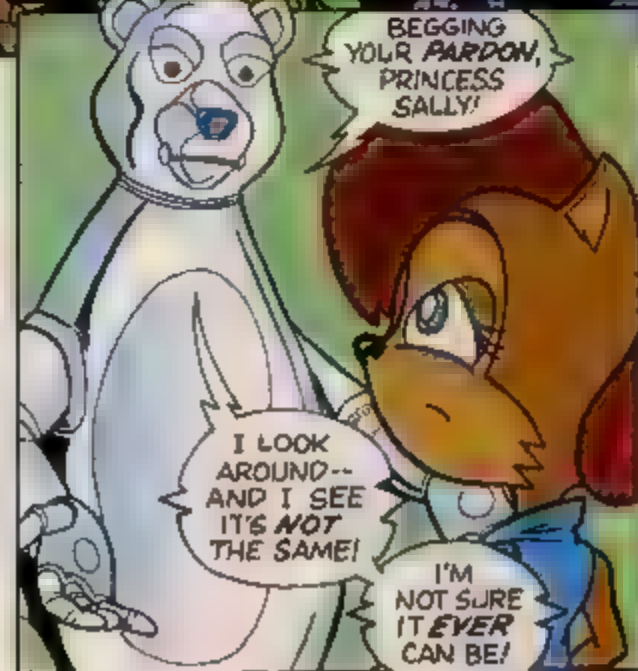
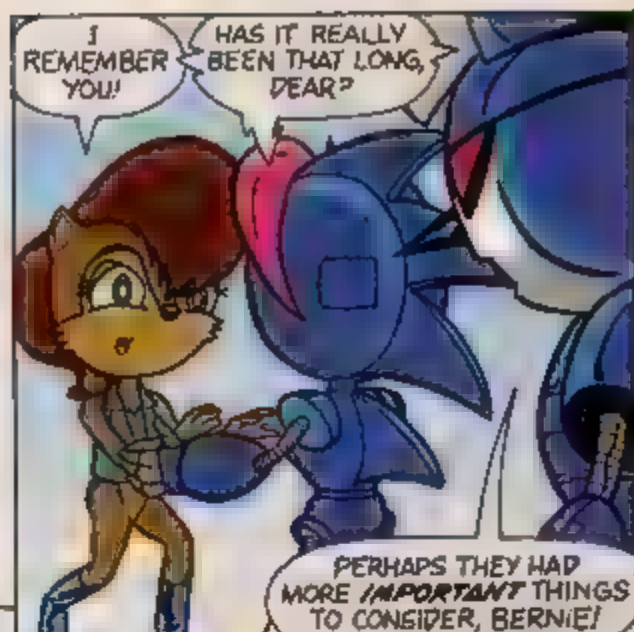
MOM?

DAD?

HOW COULD
YOU KEEP THIS
FROM ME?







"SOME MORE
THAN *OTHERS*,
IT SEEMS!"

**HE
KNEW!**

**ALL THIS
TIME--AND
HE KNEW,
TAILS!!**

HE SHOULD
HAVE TOLD ME
MY PARENTS
WERE ALIVE!

HE HAD
NO RIGHT TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET!

HE TOLD
ME THEY WERE
CASUALTIES
OF WAR--

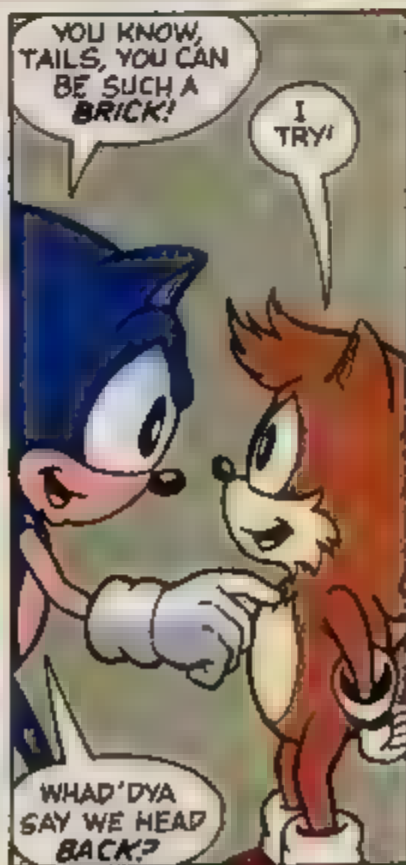
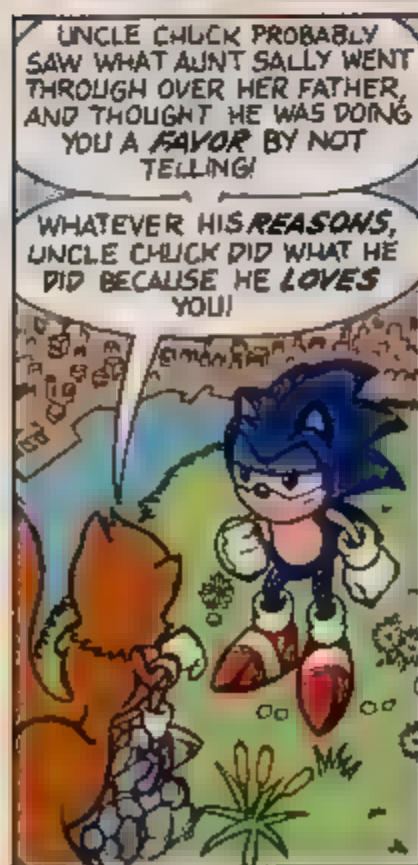
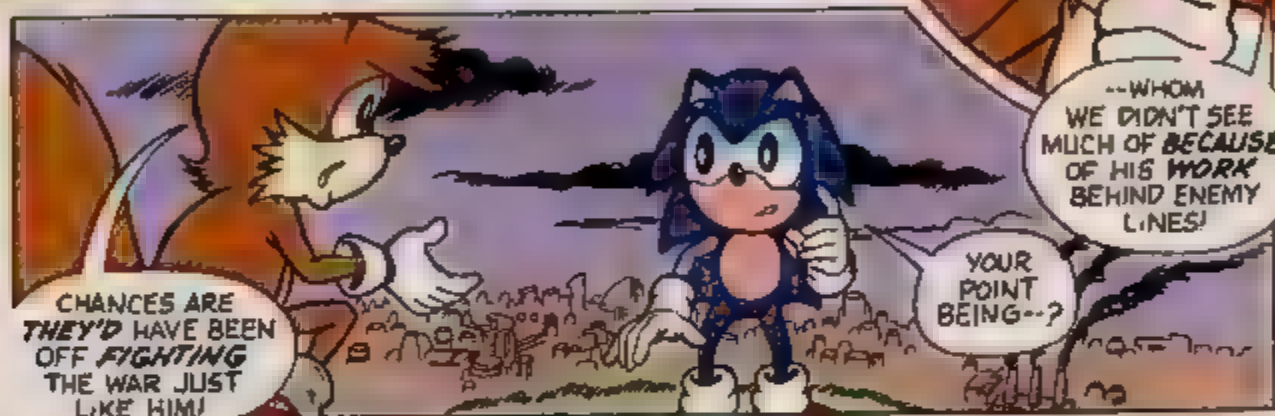
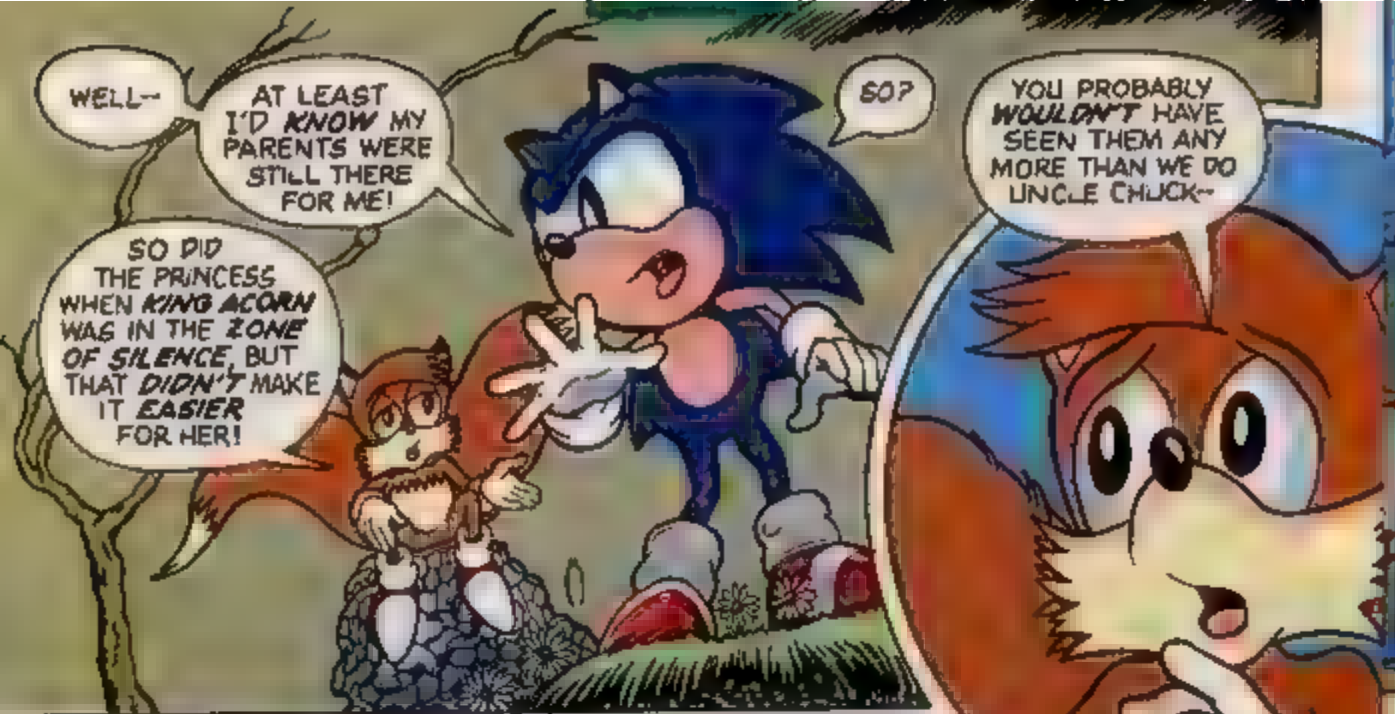
--AND
ALL THIS TIME
MY PARENTS
WERE LIVING UNDER
ROBOTROPOLIS!

THEY WERE
CASUALTIES,
SONIC!

LAST I SAW
THEY LOOKED
ROBOTICIZED
TO ME!

IF
UNCLE CHUCK
HAD TOLD YOU
THE *FULL*
TRUTH--

WHAT
WOULD BE
DIFFERENT?



LATER, THAT EVENING...

I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D
SAY THIS,
NICOLE--

--BUT THE
SITUATION IS
HOPELESS!

WE'RE
BETTER OFF
REBUILDING
ELSEWHERE
THAN TRYING
TO RESTORE
MOBOTROPOLIS
TO ITS FORMER
SELF!

I DON'T THINK
YOU'VE FULLY
EXPLORED ALL
YOUR OPTIONS,
SALLY!

THE MOTHER
BOX IS RIGHT,
LUV!

THERE
ARE ALWAYS
ALTERNATIVES!

GEOFFREY!

AT YOUR
SERVICE!

IN NEED
OF A FRIEND
TONIGHT?

MORE
THAN
EVER!

WELL,
THEN--

I'M
JUST
YOUR
MATE!

YOU'LL
ALWAYS
BE
A FRIEND
GEOFFREY--

--HOWEVER,
IF YOU'RE
IMPLYING
BEYOND
THAT--

--I'M AFRAID
I CAN'T ACCEPT!

MEANING?

I KNOW THERE'S
SOMETHING BETWEEN
US, GEOFFREY--

-- BUT I ALSO
KNOW THAT MY
HEART BELONGS
TO **SONIC!**

I CAN'T GO
FORWARD UNTIL
I KNOW WHAT I
HAVE!

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?

NOT
REALLY!

THAT'S
OKAY!

AS LONG
AS I DO!

YOUR
LOSS,
LUV!

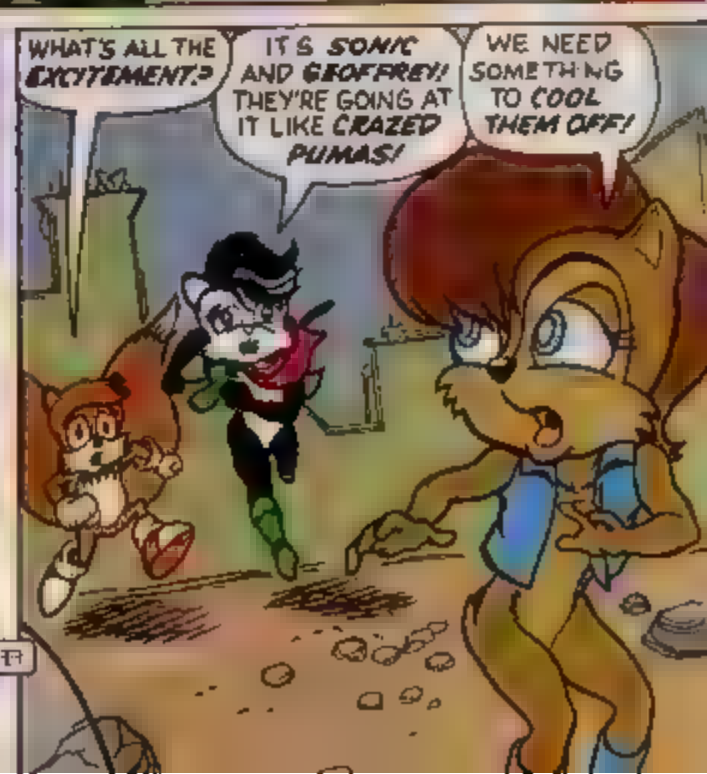
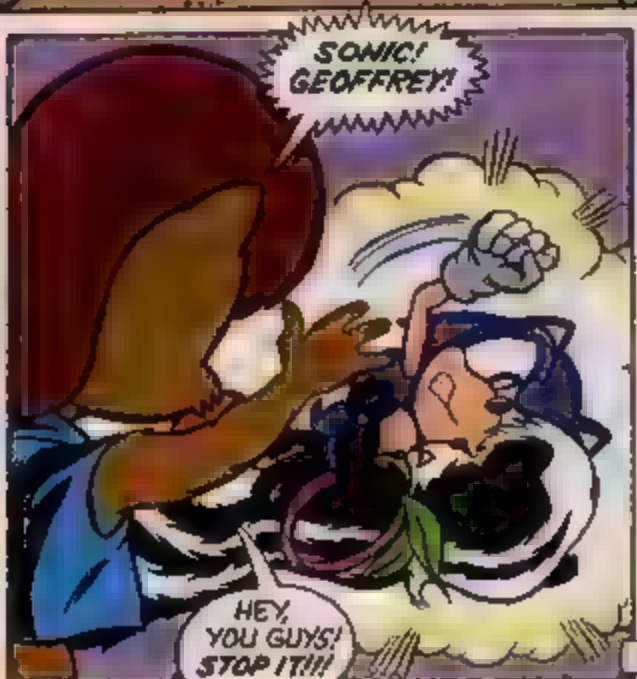
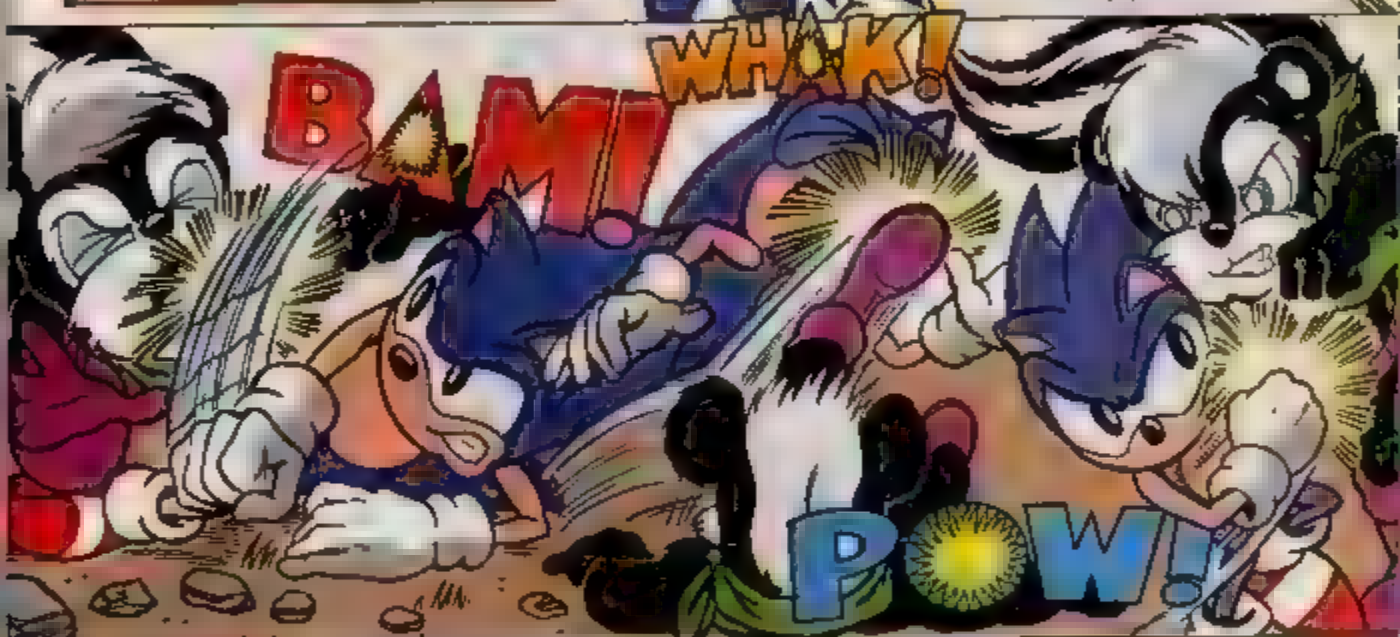
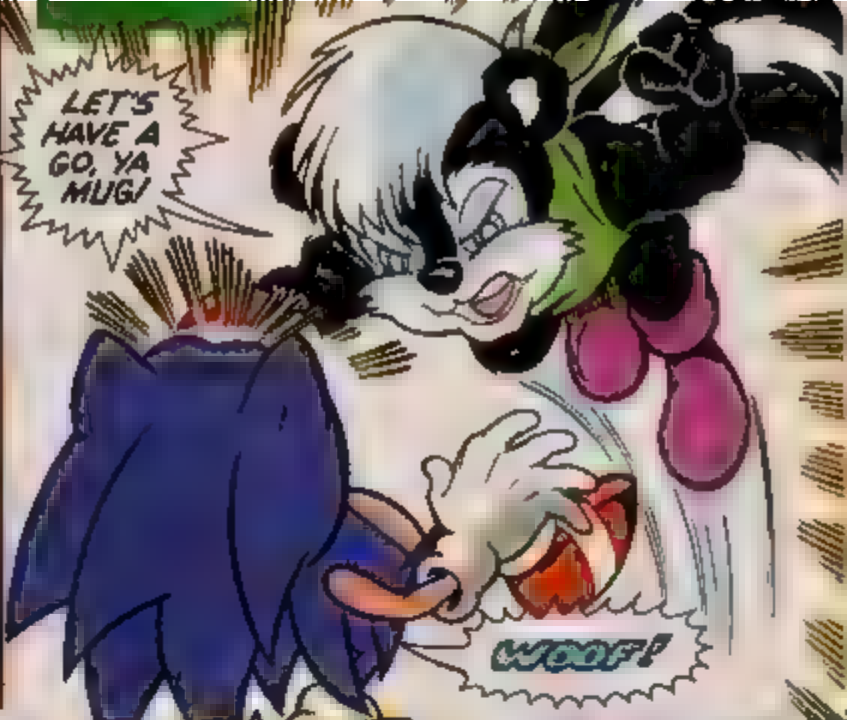
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NOW,
"LUV"?

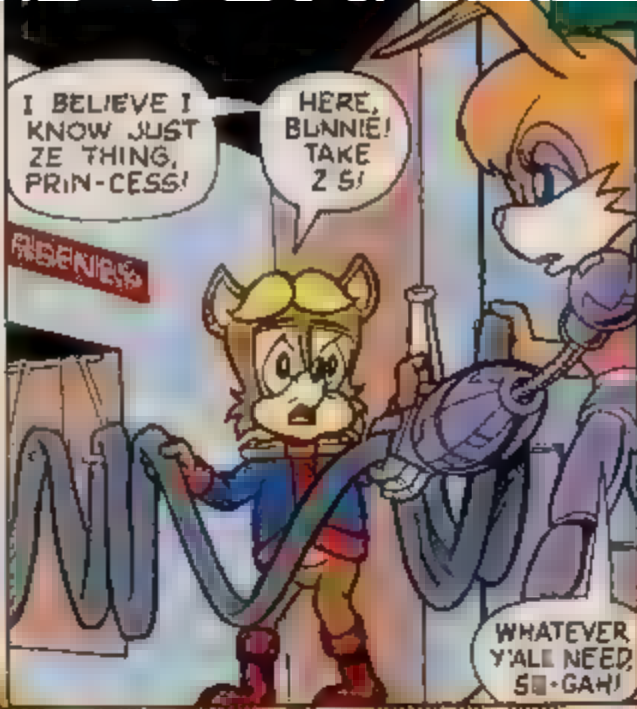
SONIC!

WE WERE
JUST **CHATTING**
ABOUT YOU,
MATE--

ST.
JOHN -

**I'M
NOT YOUR
"MATE"!**





I BELIEVE I KNOW JUST ZE THING, PRIN-CESS!

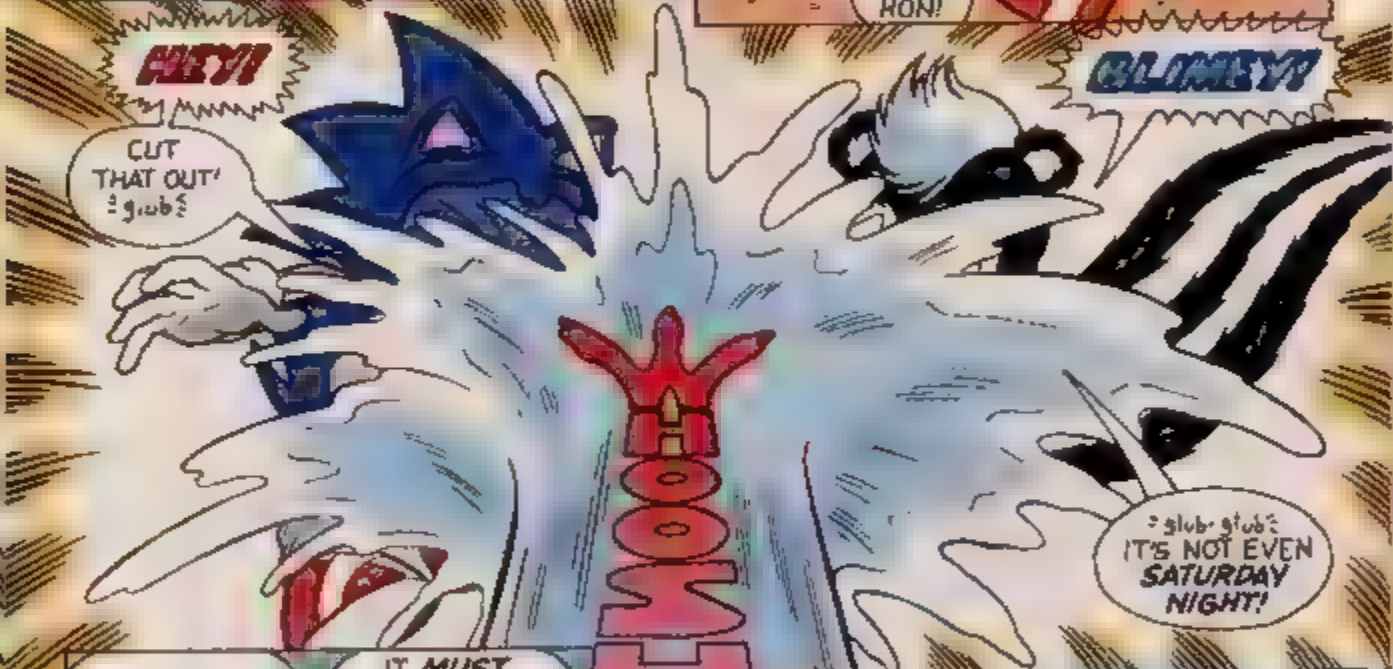
HERE, BLUNNIE! TAKE ZIS!

WHATEVER, Y'ALL NEED, SE-GAH!



ZIS SHOULD REALLY-- 'OW YOU ZAY-- DAMPEN ZER SPIRITS!

BIG TIME HON!

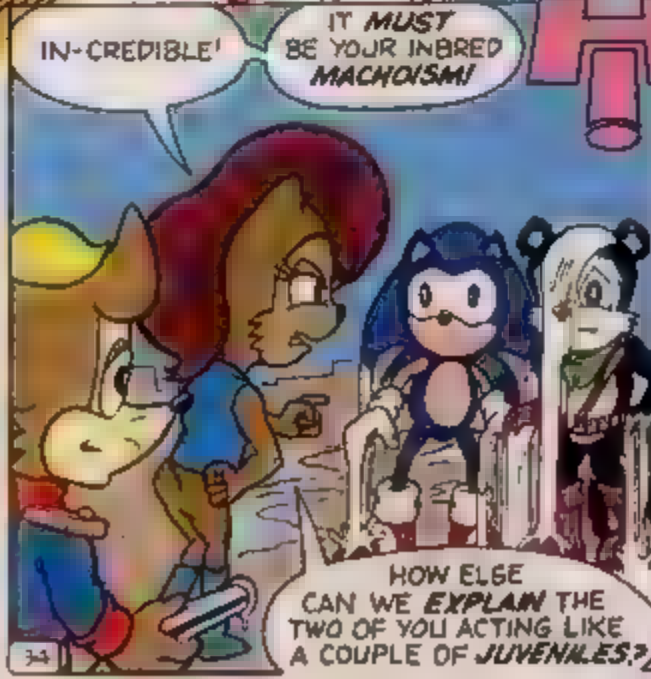


HEY!

BLIMEY!

CUT THAT OUT! 'gub?

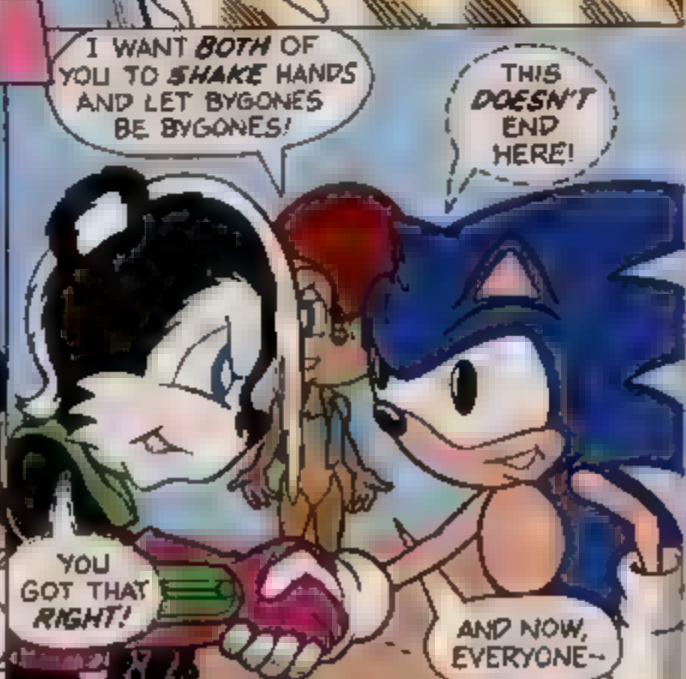
'gub-gub? IT'S NOT EVEN SATURDAY NIGHT!



IN-CREDIBLE!

IT MUST BE YOUR INBRED MACHOISM!

HOW ELSE CAN WE EXPLAIN THE TWO OF YOU ACTING LIKE A COUPLE OF JUVENILES?



I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO SHAKE HANDS AND LET BYGONES BE BYGONES!

THIS DOESN'T END HERE!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

AND NOW, EVERYONE--

-- I SAY WE CALL
IT A NIGHT.

I CAN'T HELP
BUT THINK IT MIGHT
BE BETTER IF EVERYONE
KNEW YOU WERE IN
COMMAND, DADDY!

NONSENSE, SALLY!
FROM WHAT I UNDER-
STAND, YOU'RE DOING
A **SPLENDID** JOB!

FOR NOW, **NO**
ONE MUST FIND
OUT, SALLY--

--ESPECIALLY
YOUR FRIENDS!

BUT
WHY,
DADDY?

I HAVE MY
REASONS, AND
YOU HAVE YOUR
ORDERS!

NOW,
CARRY
THEM
OUT!

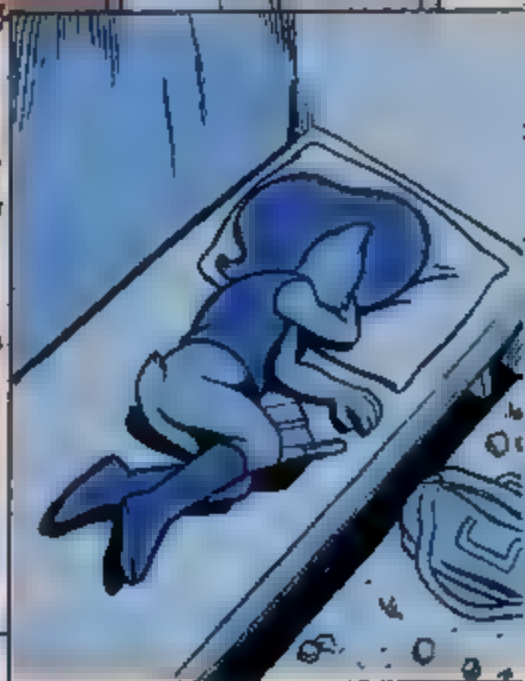
THIS
ISN'T
RIGHT,
NICOLE!

NOR IS IT THE
FIRST TIME YOU'VE
KEPT **SECRETS** FROM
SONIC AND YOUR
FRIENDS!*

SUCH
ARE THE
BURDENS
OF
COMMAND!

ACORN
OUT!

*NICOLE IS TALKING ABOUT
SALLY'S SECRET OF KNUCKLES
AND THE FLOATING ISLAND--JFG



WHILE IT WAS
NOT MY DECISION, I
WILL *ABIDE* BY IT!

I TAKE IT NONE
IN THE MAJORITY
WOULD LIKE TO
RECONSIDER?

RECONSIDER
WHAT, UNCLE
CHUCK?

WE
TOOK A *VOTE*,
PRINCESS!

FOR NOW, WE BELIEVE IT'S
IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
ROBOTICIZED MOBBIANS
TO START OUR OWN *COLONY*!

BUT *WHY?*
YOU'RE MORE
THAN *WELCOME*
TO JOIN US!

THEY'RE NOT
SO SURE THAT'S
TRUE, PRINCESS!

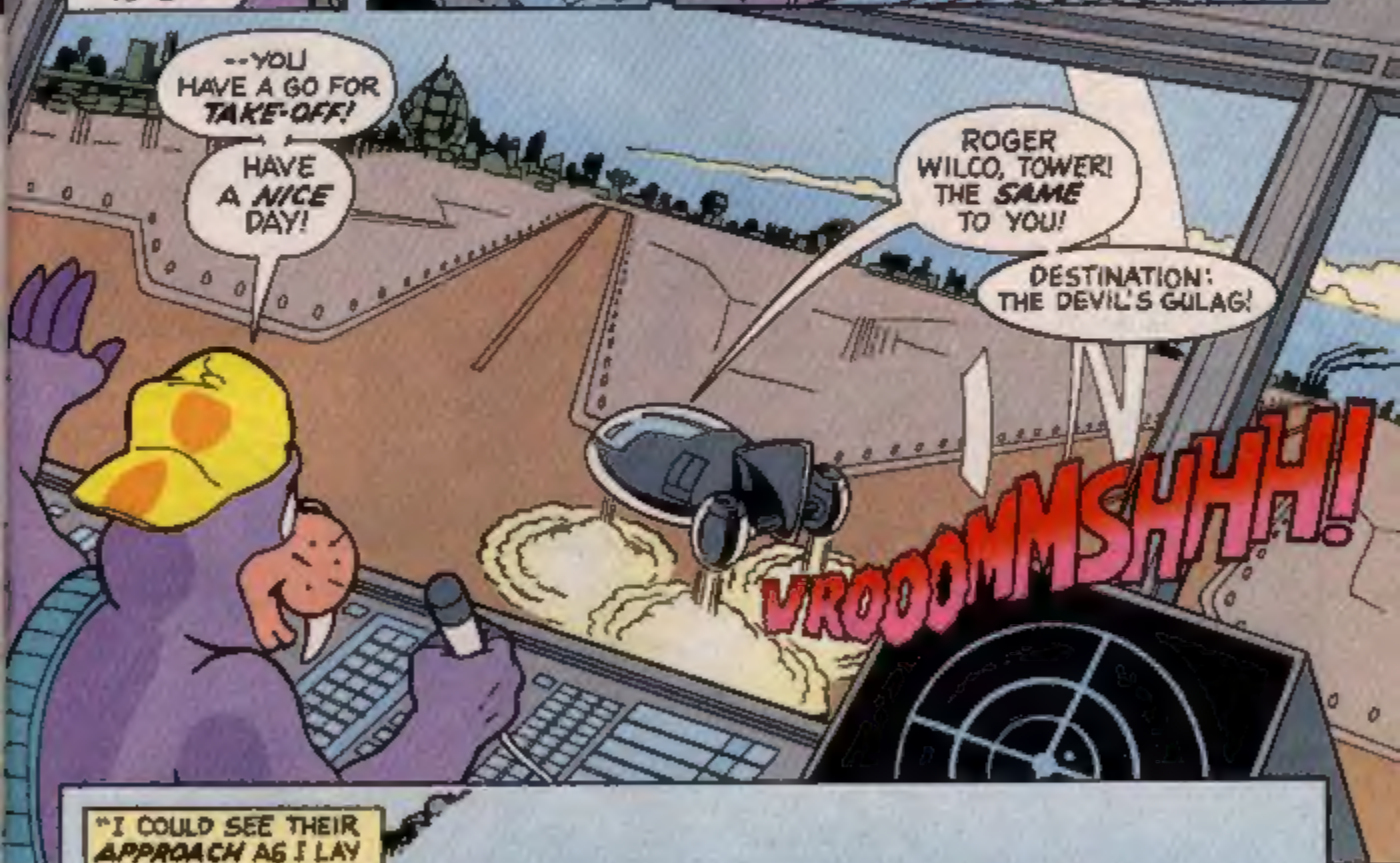
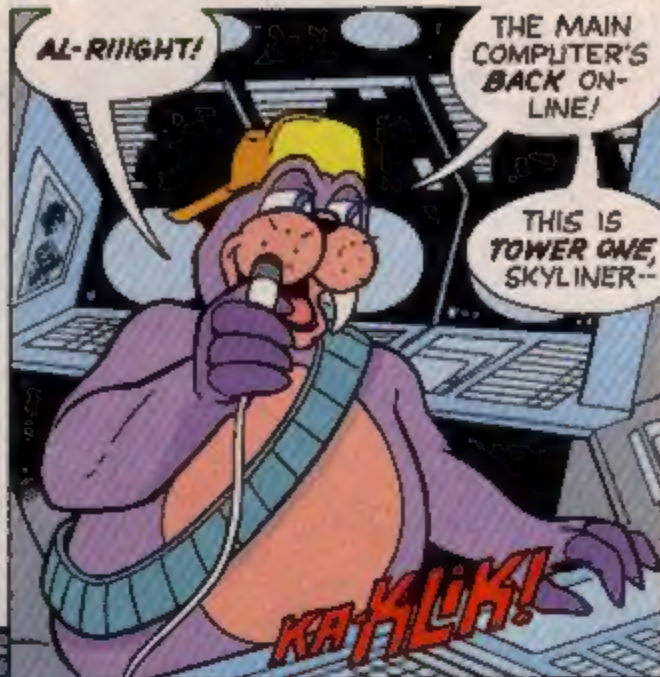
ALREADY, WE'VE
OVERHEARD WHISPERS
AMONG YOUR *KIND*!

OUR
KIND?!

YOU'RE
OUR FATHERS
AND MOTHERS,
OUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS!

YOU
BELONG HERE
WITH US!

I LOOK
AROUND
PRINCESS--



"--JUST AS I COULD FEEL THE ROAR OF THE ENGINES WHEN THEIR CRAFT LANDED."

"NOW THAT *ROBOTNIK* IS GONE AND I'M STUCK DEEP IN THIS REOPENED DUNGEON, THEY THINK THEY'RE SAFE!"

"ALL THEY DO NOW IS COME ONCE A WEEK TO CHECK ON US..."

"MAKE CERTAIN WE HAVE *FOOD AND WATER*..."

"--AND CONFIRM THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE OUR LITTLE *UTOPIA*!"

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT--

"LET THEM BELIEVE WHAT THEY WANT!"

--IS THE TIME I'LL STRIKE!

THE STAGE HAS BEEN SET. THE CURTAIN HAS RISEN. NOW THAT YOU HAVE ENTERED *SOMC'S BRAVE NEW WORLD*, CONTINUE THE JOURNEY IN *SOMC #53*, AS THINGS GET WILDER STILL!

FAN ART

SONIC



CARROL
SCHEEWEISS

DANIELLE HARDY
DETROIT, MI
AGE:16



JUNE FERRELL
BETHEL, PA
AGE:15



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In three weeks:

Knuckles and Sonic... friends? This one must be read. Written and inked by Ken Penders. Penciled by Art Hawthorne. And if you thought that was all the surprises we had in store for you — there's more! Like the return of Robotnik's mentor, **Warlord Kodos** and the "supposed" creator of the **Zone of Silence**, wizard extraordinaire, **Ixis Naugus!** Written by Karl Bollers. Art by Sam Maxwell and Pam Elkind. **SONIC #53 on sale mid-September '97!**

On other Mobian news...

In four weeks: To meet the demands of those seeking the hard-to-find issues, we're happy to present this special collection featuring Sonic comic "firsts" included in this slick volume are: "Don't Cry for Me, Mobius": The first Archie-produced Sonic comic story, originally published in both **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0** and the **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #1/4** sub-stories "Rabbit Deployment". The first comic book appearance of **Bunnie Rabbit** from **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #3!** "Lord of Daff": The first time in comics that Sonic is transformed into Super Sonic, from **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4!** "This Island Hedgehog": The first comic book appearance of **Knuckles**, originally presented in **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #13!** Or "SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: FIRSTS" when its out or better hold your pen!

And in six weeks: KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #7 hits the stands sporting a new letters page **named** after the name of the person who 'thunk' it up! It also marks the return of everybody's favorite echidna villain... **Emerjahl!** And he's not alone in the form of **The Dark Legion!** Hold on to your hats **Rad Rod** fans, this is one for the record books. Brought to you by Ken Penders, Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy. As you can see, the "Dark Vengeance" storyline will be parodied by our traditional triple-combo covers by fan-fave Pat Spazziano, along with pencil art by Manny Galan and inks by Ken Penders. Don't forget about **Heroic Age** with the hand on the cover color wheel.



Return
Here is Joe Beron's 1978
Ford F1000 4x4. AKA: The
Sonic Mobil!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I finally got **SONIC LIVE! #1!** Guess what? I have a book store that carries Sonic comics! Now I can subscribe to my regular Sonic fix and buy issues at the store when I want extra copies. Oh, happy days are here again! So now I know how Top Naka thought up a miracle as great as Sonic... he watched the prototype in "The Last Game Cartridge Here!" (just kidding.) It was way cool to see Larry Lynt and Cyril The Eagle again in "The Substitute Freedom Fighter!" KnucklesQuest 2 was a special treat with Spat art. One question: Is Meria Prower related to Miles "Tails" Prower? Thanks for reading my letter and don't ever stop making Sonic comics!!
Sonic's rarely,

Green Gibbon
Church Point, LA

Blue is back, big time! Invading the most obscure stores in the world so that **YOU** can read it. Happy days **ARE** here again. Mr. Gibbon liked **SONIC LIVE! #1** as I hope the rest of you did. You keep reading our series and specials, we'll keep making them. As to your one question: that is a mystery best served another day.

Dear Knuckles,

Hi! My name is Joseph. I am six years old in the first grade and I just started to read and write. I love everything that's Sonic: from the TV show to your games, to your clothing, to your toys, to your math, to your comic! Hopefully I will get Sonic 3-B Blast for my birthday... and after reading the comic book, I want it even more! I really loved **SONIC BLAST Special #1**. My favorite part in the comic is when the Flickie Bird grabs the Chao Emerald out from Robotnik's hand.

Joseph Kiefer (age 6)
Kingman, PA

Hey, now that's the ticket. Live, breathe and eat Sonic. Wow! You du' man. So, how did you make out on your birthday? Let me know. Thanks for the compliment on **SONIC BLAST #1**. Keep reading... and not just my comics but other way cool books, too. Catch you on the speedway.

Look for my next Super Special coming soon to a store near you.



Dear Sonic Notes,

SONIC VS. KNUCKLES: BATTLE ROYAL Special #1 was awesome, story and art! Sam Maxwell did a great job on almost all the characters. (Either Sally was holding Archimedes too tight, or his head was drawn way too big. It might be both!) I always liked Knuckles' Omnitrix the game and my two favorite to control (not by hypnotism like Mammoth Mogul or the Enchantress from KnucklesQuest 3) are Espio and Mighty. Sally had a secret friendship going on with Knuckles and now it seems that Sonic has one with one of Knuckles' best buds, Mighty! This is what I call fair play.

Esquero Hernandez
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Glad you enjoyed the first **Sonic Super Special** of the year! **BATTLE ROYAL** wasn't just a job, it was an adventure until Mammoth Mogul and his 'Dullsome' Foresome had to ruin our good time. But let's let bygones be bygones, eh? As far as Archy getting the squeeze from Sally, he was pretending so Mammoth (who was hiding behind the scenes) wouldn't figure out they were working together.



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